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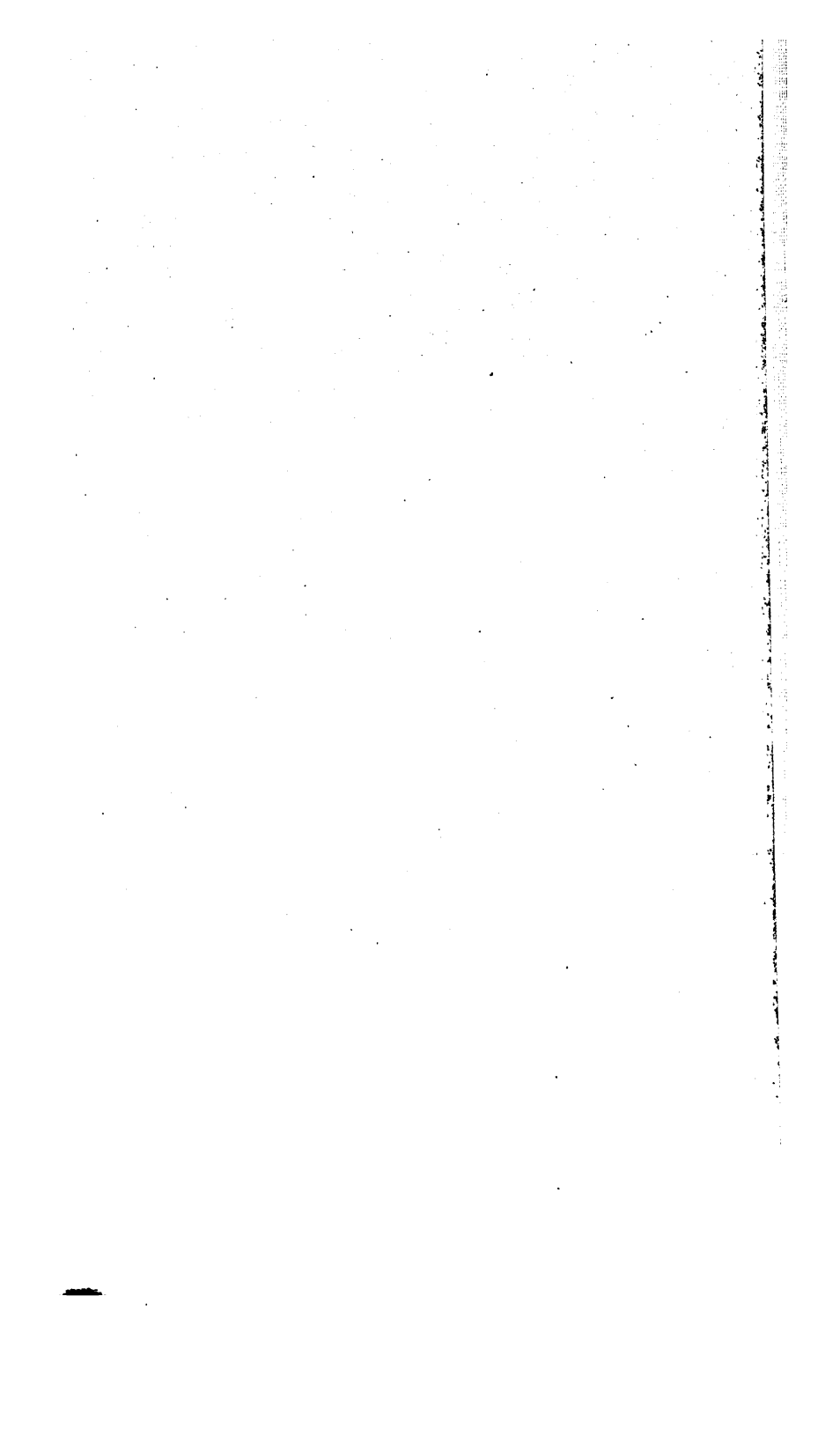
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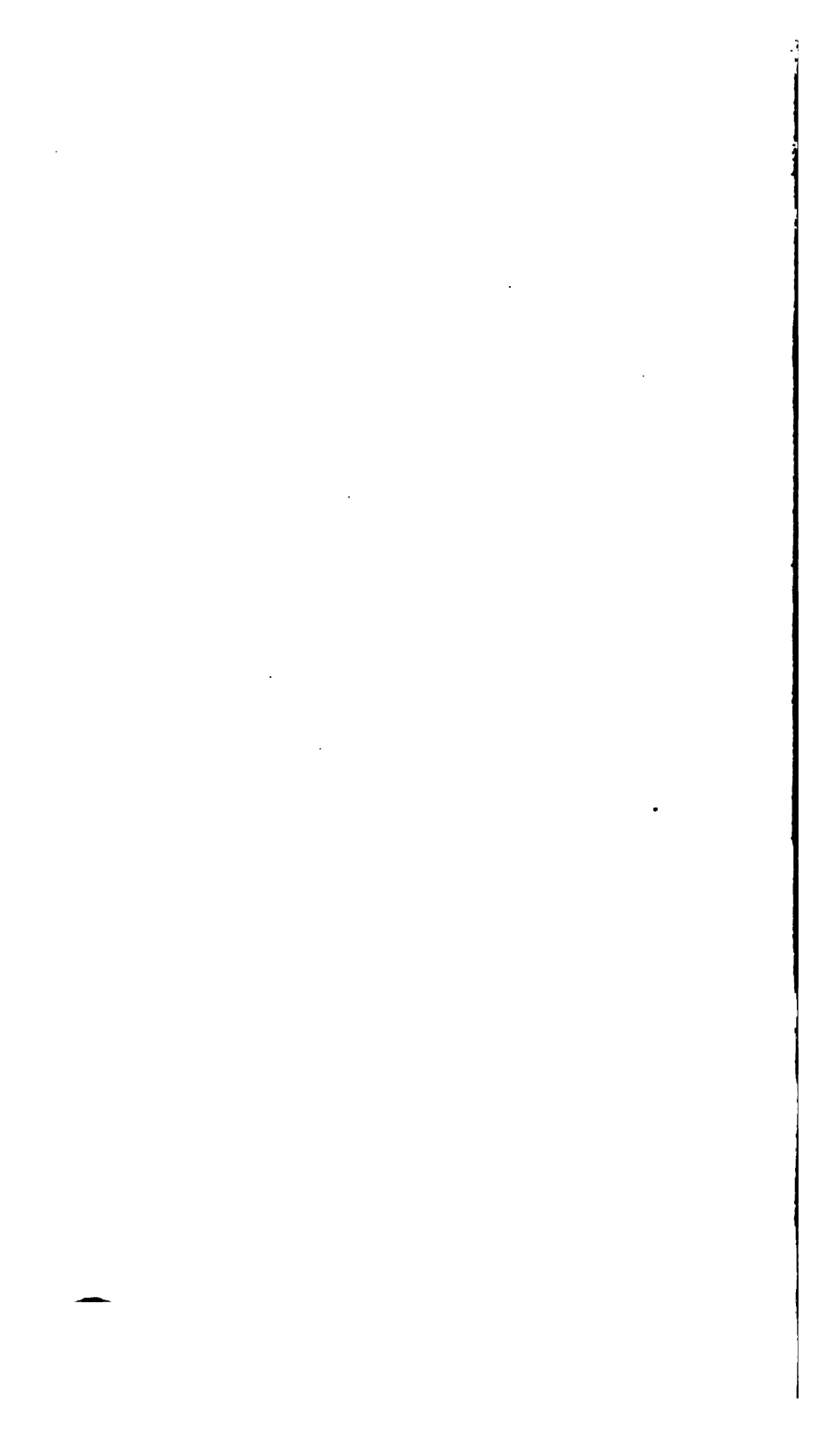
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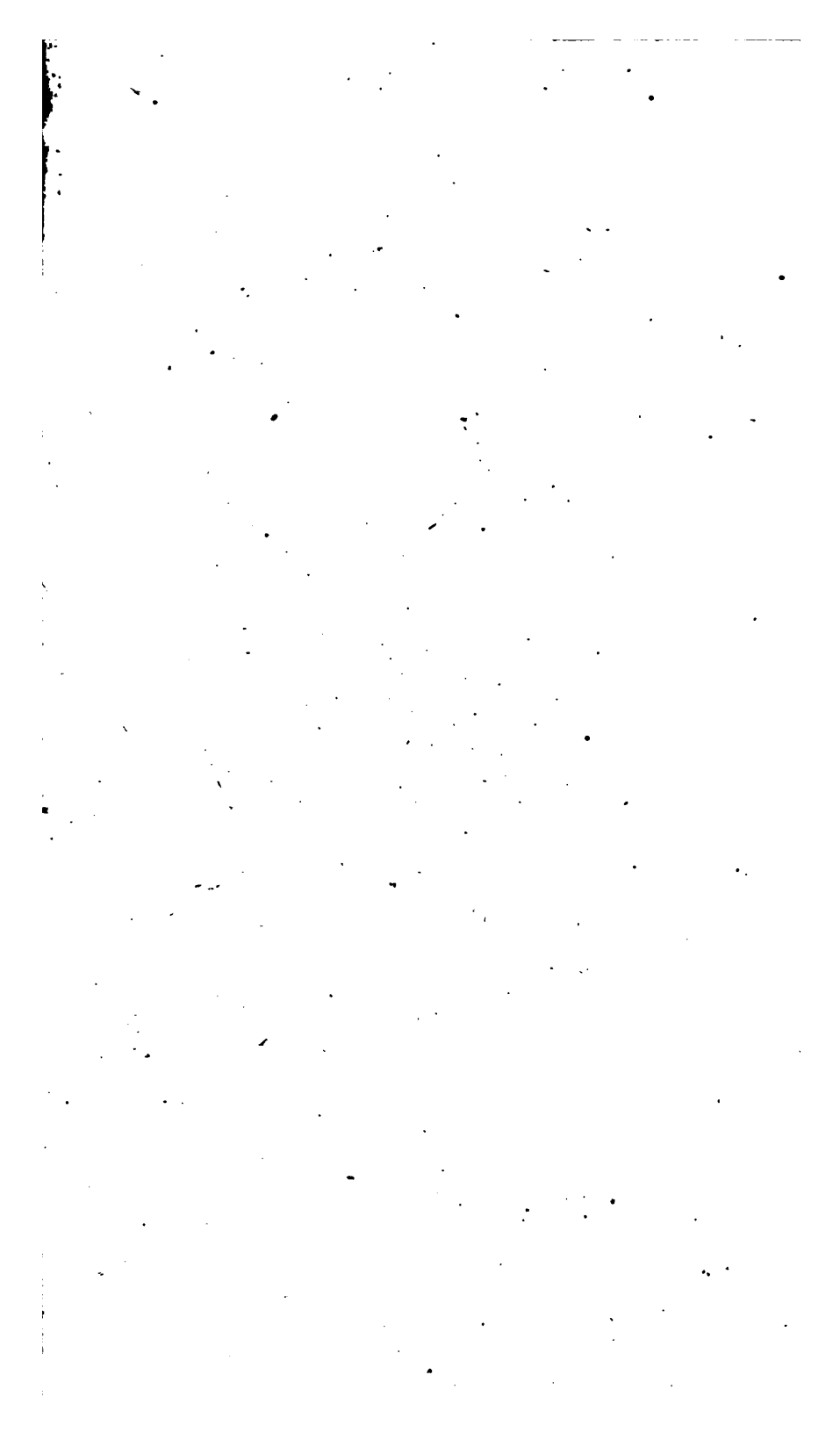
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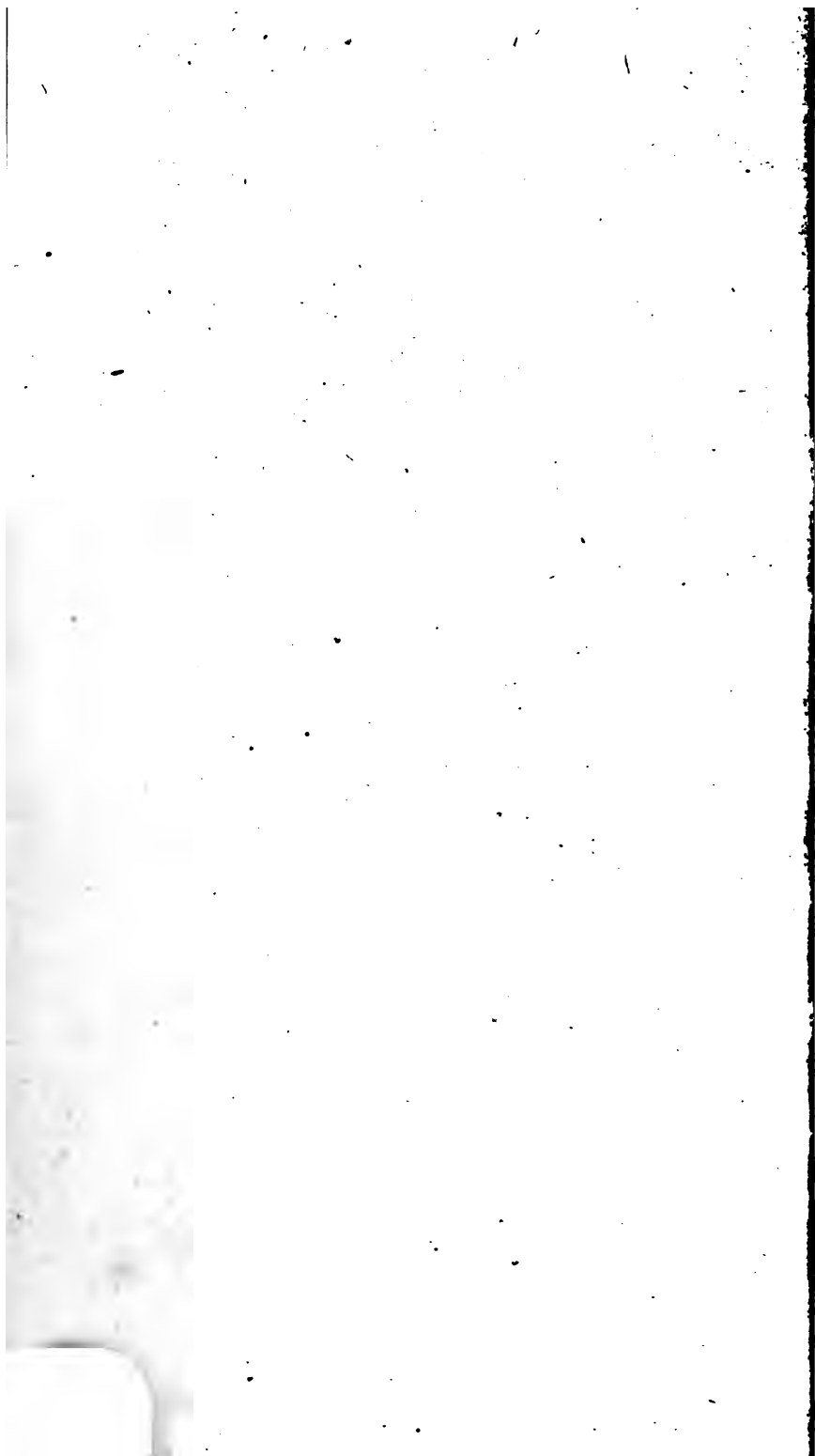
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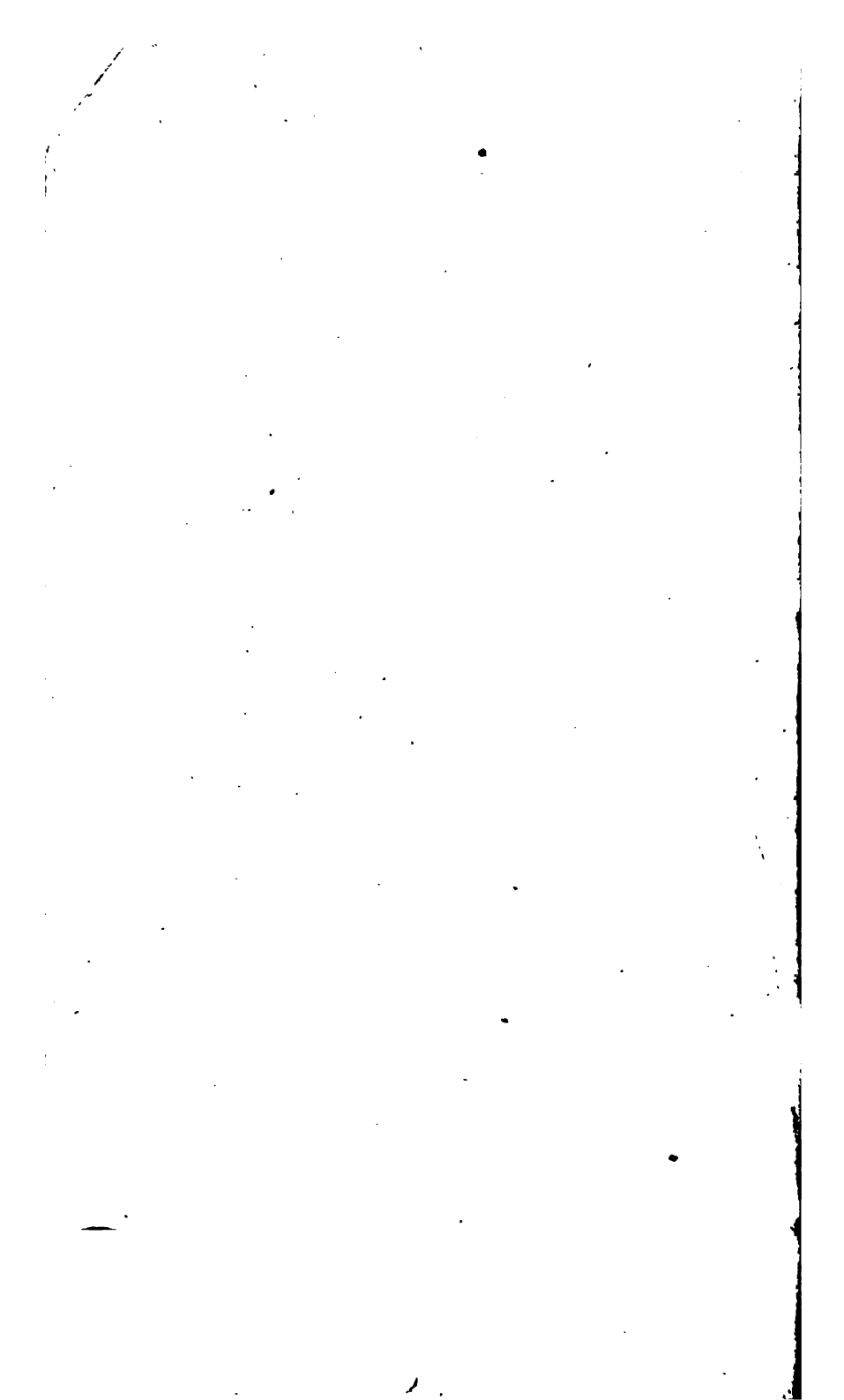




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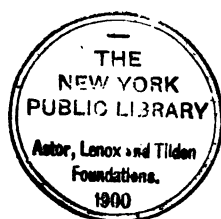
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IT may suffice the reader, without being very inquisitive after my name, that I was born in the county of Salop, under the government of what star I was never astrologer enough to examine; but the consequences of my life may allow me to suppose some extraordinary influence affected my birth.

If there be any thing in dreams also, my mother, who was mighty observant that way, took minutes, which I have since seen in the first leaf of her prayer book, of several strange dreams she had while she was with child of her second son, which was myself.

Once she noted that she dreamed she was carried away by a regiment of horse, and delivered in the fields of a son, that as soon as it was born had two wings came out of its back, and in half an hour's time flew away from her: and the very evening be-

fore I was born she dreamed she was brought to bed of a son, and that all the while she was in labour a man stood under her window beating on a kettle drum, which very much discomposed her.

My father was a gentleman of a very plentiful fortune, of a family nearly allied to several of the principal nobility, and lived about six miles from Shrewsbury; and my mother being at that town, on some particular occasion, was surprised there at a friend's house, and brought me very safe into the world.

I was my father's second son, and therefore was not altogether so much slighted as younger sons of good families generally are: but my father saw something in my genius also which particularly pleased him, and made him take extraordinary care of my education.

I was taught, therefore, by the best masters that could be had, every thing that was needful to accomplish a young gentleman for the world; and at seventeen years old my tutor told my father an academic education was very proper for a person of quality, and he thought me very fit for it: so my father entered me of Wadham college, in Oxford, where I continued three years.

A collegiate life did not suit me at all, though I loved books very well. It was never designed that I should be either a lawyer, physician, or divine; and I wrote to my father that I thought I had staid



there long enough for a gentleman, and with his leave I desired to give him a visit.

During my stay at Oxford, though I passed through the proper exercises of the house, yet my chief reading was upon history and geography, as those pleased my mind best, and supplied me with ideas suitable to my genius: by the former I understood what great actions had been done in the world; and by the latter I understood where they had been done.

My father readily complied with my desire of coming home; for besides, he thought, as I did, that three years at the university was enough: he also most tenderly loved me, and began to think of my settling near him.

At my arrival I found myself extraordinarily caressed by my father, and he seemed to take a particular delight in my conversation. My mother, who lived in perfect union with him, both in desires and affection, received me very ardently: apartments were provided for myself, and horses and servants allowed me.

My father never went a hunting but he would have me with him—an exercise he was exceedingly fond of; and it pleased him when he found I liked the sport. I lived thus, in all the pleasures it was possible for me to enjoy, for about a year; when going out one morning with him to hunt a stag; and having had a very hard chase, and a few miles

from home, we had time enough to ride gently back; and as we returned he took occasion to enter into a discourse with me concerning my manner of settling in the world.

He told me, with a great deal of tenderness, that he loved me above all the rest of his children, and that therefore he intended to do handsomely for me; that my eldest brother being already married and settled, he had designed the same for me, and proposed a very advantageous match with a young lady of very extraordinary fortune, and merit, and offered to make a settlement of two thousand pounds per annum, which he said he would purchase for me without diminishing his paternal estate.

There was too much delicacy in this speech not to affect me exceedingly; and I immediately replied, I would perfectly resign myself unto his disposal. As my father had a very nice judgement, he fixed his eyes on me very attentively; and though my answer was without the least reserve, yet he thought he saw some uneasiness in me, at the proposal, and from thence concluded that my compliance was rather an act of discretion than inclination; and that however I seemed so absolutely given up to what he had proposed, yet my answer was really an effect of my obedience rather than my choice: upon this he returned very quick upon me —

"Look you, son, though I give you my own thoughts in the matter, yet I would have you be very plain with me; for if your own choice does not agree with mine, I will be your adviser, but will never impose upon you; and therefore let me know your mind freely."

"I don't reckon myself capable, Sir," said I, with a great deal of respect, "to make so good a choice for myself as you can for me; and though my opinion differed from yours, its being your opinion would reform mine, and my judgement would as readily comply as my duty."

"Of gather, at least, from thence," said my father, "that your designs lay another way before, however they may now comply with mine; and therefore I would know what it was you would have asked me if I had not offered this to you; and you must not deny me your obedience in this, if you expect I should believe your readiness in the other."

"Sir," said I, "it was impossible I should lay out for myself just what you have proposed; but if my inclinations were ever so contrary, though at your command you shall know them, yet I declare them to be wholly subjected to your order. I confess my thoughts did not tend towards marriage, or a settlement; for though I had no reason to question your care of me, yet I thought a gentleman ought always to see something of the

“ world before he confined himself to any part of
“ it; and if I had been to ask your consent to any
“ thing, it should have been to give me leave to
“ travel for a short time, in order to qualify myself
“ to appear at home like a son to so good a father.”

“ In what capacity would you travel ? ” replied my father : “ you must go abroad either as a private gentleman, as a scholar, or as a soldier.”

“ If it were in the latter capacity, Sir,” said I, “ I hope I should not misbehave myself; but I am not so determined as not to be ruled by your judgement.”

“ Truly,” replied my father, “ I see no war abroad at this time worth while for a man to appear in, whether we talk of the cause or the encouragement; and indeed, son, I am afraid you need not go far for adventures of that nature, for times seem to look as if this part of Europe would find us work enough.”

My father spoke then relating to the quarrel likely to happen between the king of England and the Spaniard *, for I believe he had no notions of a civil war at this time.

* Upon the breach of the match between the king of England and the infanta of Spain; and particularly upon the old quarrel of the king of Bohemia and the Palatinate,

In short, my father perceiving my inclinations very forward to go abroad, gave me leave to travel, upon condition I would promise to return in two years at farthest, or sooner, if he sent for me.

While I was at Oxford I happened to fall into the society of a young gentleman, of a good family, but of a low fortune, being a younger brother; and who had indeed instilled into me the first desires of going abroad, and who I knew passionately longed to travel, but had not sufficient allowance to defray his expences as a gentleman.

We had contracted a very close friendship, and our humours being very agreeable to one another, we daily enjoyed the conversation of letters. He was of a generous, free temper, without the least affectation or deceit, a handsome proper person, a strong body, very good mien, and brave to the last degree.

His name was Fickling, and we called him captain, though it be a very unusual title in a college; but fate had some hand in the title, for he had certainly the lines of a soldier drawn in his countenance.

I imparted to him the resolutions I had taken, and how I had my father's consent to go abroad; and would know his mind whether he would go with me. He sent me word he would go with a great deal of pleasure.

My father, when he saw him, for I sent for him

immediately, mightily, approved my choice: so we got our equipage ready, and came away for London.

It was on the 22d of April, 1630, when we embarked at Dover, landed in a few hours at Calais, and immediately took post for Paris.

I shall not trouble the reader with a journal of my travels, nor with the description of places, which every geographer can do better than I; for these memoirs being only a relation of what happened either to ourselves, or in our own knowledge, I shall confine myself to that part of it.

We had indeed some diverting passages in our journey to Paris; as first, the horse my comrade was upon fell so very lame with a slip that he could not go, and hardly stand; and the fellow that rode with us express pretended to ride away to a town five miles off to get a fresh horse, and so left us on the road with one horse between two of us: we followed as well as we could, but, being strangers, missed the way, and wandered out of the road. Whether the man performed in reasonable time; or not, we could not be sure; but if it had not been for an old priest we had never found him.

We met this man, by a very good accident, near a little village whereof he was curate: we spoke Latin enough just to make him understand us, and he did not speak it much better himself; but he carried us into the village to his house, gave us wine and bread,

and entertained us with wonderful courtesy. After this he sent into the village, hired a peasant, and a horse for my captain, and sent him to guide us into the road.

At parting he made a great many compliments to us in French, which we could just understand; but the sum was, to excuse him for a question he had a mind to ask us. After leave to ask what he pleased, it was, if we wanted any money for our journey, and pulled out two pistoles*, which he offered either to give or lend us.

I mention this exceeding courtesy of the curate, because, though civility is very much in use in France, and especially to strangers, yet 'tis a very unusual thing to have them part with their money.

We let the priest know, first, that we did not want money, and, next, that we were very sensible of the obligation he had put upon us; and I told him in particular, if I lived to see him again, I would acknowledge it.

This accident of our horse was, as we afterwards found, of some benefit to us. We had left our two servants behind at Calais to bring our baggage after us, by reason of some dispute between the captain of the packet and the custom-house officer which could not be adjusted, and we were willing to be at Paris: the fellows followed as fast as they could;

* A gold coin.

and as near as we could learn, in the time we lost our way, were robbed, and our portmanteaus opened. They took what they pleased; but as there was no money there, but linen and necessaries, the loss was not great.

Our guide carried us to Amiens, where we found the express and our two servants, whom, the express meeting on the road with a spare horse, he had brought back with him thither.

We took this for a good omen of our successful journey, having escaped a danger which might have been greater to us than it was to our servants; for the highwaymen in France do not always give a traveller the civility of bidding him stand and deliver his money, but frequently fire upon him first, and then take his money.

We staid one day at Amiens, to adjust this little disorder, and walked about the town, and into the great church, but saw nothing very remarkable there; but going cross a broad street near the great church, we saw a crowd of people gazing at a mountebank doctor, who made a long harangue to them with many antic postures, and gave out bills this way, and boxes of physic that way, and had a great trade; when on a sudden the people raised a cry, *Larron! Larron!* on the other side the street, and many of the auditors ran away from

* Thief! Thief!

the doctor to see what the matter was—among the rest we went to see; and the case was plain enough.

Two English gentlemen and a Scotchman, travellers, as we were, were standing gazing at this prating doctor, and one of them caught a fellow picking his pocket: the fellow had got some of his money, for he dropt two or three pieces just by him, and had got hold of his watch, but being surpris'd, let it slip again: but the reason of telling this story is for the management of it.

The thief had his seconds so ready, that as soon as the Englishman had seized him, they fell in, pretended to be mighty zealous for the stranger, takes the fellow by the throat, and makes a great bustle. The gentleman, not doubting but the man was secured, let go his own hold of him, and left him to them. The hubbub was great; and 'twas those fellows cried *Larron! Larron!* but with a dexterity peculiar to themselves had let the right fellow go, and seized upon another of their own gang.

At last they bring the man to the gentleman, to ask him what the fellow had done; who, when he saw the person they seized on, presently told them that was not the man: then they seemed to be in more consternation than before, and spread themselves all over the street, crying *Larron! Larron!* pretending to search for the fellow—some went one way, some another—they were all gone—the noise went over—the gentlemen stood looking one

at another's—and the heading daffod began to have the crowd about him again. This was the first Bruch trick I had the opportunity of seeing; that I was told they have a great many more as detestable as this.

We soon got acquaintance with these gentlemen, who were going to Paris as well as we; so the next day we made up our company with them, and were a pretty troop of five gentlemen and four servants.

As we had really no design to stay long at Paris, for indeed, excepting the city itself, there was not much to be seen there. Cardinal Richelieu, who was not only a supreme minister in the church, but prime minister in the state, was now made also general of the king's forces, with a title never known in France before nor since, viz. Lieutenant general *en Chef de Roy*, in the king's stead; or, as some have since translated it, representing the person of the king.

Under this character he pretended to execute all the royal powers in the army without appeal to the king, or without waiting for orders; and having parted from Paris the winter before, had now actually begun the war against the duke of Savoy, in the process of which he restored the duke of Mantua; and having taken Pignerol from the duke, put it into such a state of defence as the duke could never force it out of his hands, and reduced the duke, rather by manage and conduct than by

force, to make peace without it; so as annexing it to the crown of France, it has ever since been a thorn in the side, that has always made the peace of Savoy, and pernicious; and France has since made Pignerol one of the strongest fortresses in the world.

As the cardinal, with all the military part of the court, was in the field, so the king, to be near him, was gone with the queen and all the court, just before I reached Paris, to reside at Lyons. All these considered, there was nothing to do at Paris: the court looked like a citizen's house when the family are all gone into the country; and I thought the whole city looked very melancholy, compared to the fine things I had heard of it.

The queen mother and her party were chagrined at the cardinal, who, though he owed his greatness to her immediate favour, was now grown too great any longer to be at the command of her majesty, or indeed in her interest; and therefore the queen was under dissatisfaction, and her party looked very much down.

The Protestants were every where disconsolate; for the losses they had sustained at Rochelle, Nismes, and Montpellier, had reduced them to an absolute dependence on the king's will, without all possible hopes of ever recovering themselves, or being so much as in a condition to take arms for their religion; and therefore the wish of them plainly fore-

saw their own entire reduction, as it since came to pass : and I remember very well, that a Protestant gentleman told me once, as we were passing from Orleans to Lyons, that the English had ruined them ; “ and therefore,” says he, “ I think the next occasion the king takes to use us ill, as I know ’twill not be long before he does, we must all fly over to England, where you are bound to maintain us for having helped to turn us out of our own country.”

I asked him what he meant by saying the English had done it ?

He returned short upon me—“ I do not mean,” says he, “ by not relieving Rochelle, but by helping to ruin Rochelle, when you and the Dutch lent ships to beat our fleet, which all the ships in France could not have done without you.”

I was too young in the world to be very sensible of this before, and therefore was something startled at the charge ; but when I came to discourse with this gentleman, I soon saw the truth of what he said was undeniable, and have since reflected on it with regret, that the naval power of the Protestants, which was then superior to the royal, would certainly have been the recovery of all their fortunes, had it not been unhappily broken by their brethren of England and Holland, the former lending seven men of war, and the latter twenty, for the destruction of the Rochellers’ fleet ; and by those very

ships the Rochellers' fleet were actually beaten and destroyed, and they never afterward recovered their force at sea, and by consequence sunk under the siege, which the English afterwards in vain attempted to prevent.

These things made the Protestants look very dull, and expected the ruin of all their party; which had certainly happened, had the cardinal lived a few years longer.

We staid in Paris about three weeks, as well to see the court, and what rarities the place afforded, as by an occasion which had like to have passed a short period to our ramble.

Walking one morning before the gate of the Louvre, with a design to see the Swifs drawn up, which they always did, and exercised just before they relieved the guards, a page came up to me, and, speaking English, "Sir," says he, "the captain must needs have your immediate assistance."

I had not the knowledge of any person in Paris but my own companion, whom I called captain; had no room to question but it was he that sent for me; and crying out hastily to him, "Where?" followed the fellow as fast as it was possible. He led me through several passages which I know not, and at last through a tennis court and into a large room, where three men, like gentlemen, were engaged very briskly, two against one. The room being dark, I could not easily know them; but

being fully possessed with an opinion before of my captain's danger, I ran into the room with my sword in my hand : I had not particularly engaged any of them, nor so much as made a pass at any, when I received a sharp thrust in my thigh, rather occasioned by my hasty running in than a real design of the person ; but enraged at the smart, without examining who it was hurt me, I threw myself upon him, and run my sword through his body.

The novelty of the adventure, and the unexpected fall of the man, by a stranger come in nobody knew how, had becalmed the other two, that they really stood gazing at me. By this time I had discovered that my captain was not there, and that it was some strange accident brought me thither.

I could speak but little French, and supposed they could speak as little English ; so I stepped to the door to see for the page that brought me thither ; but seeing nobody there, and the passage clear, I made off as fast as I could, without speaking a word ; nor did the other two gentlemen offer to stop me.

But I was in a strange confusion when, coming into those entries and passages which the page led me through, I could by no means find my way out : at last seeing a door open that looked through a house into the street, I went in, and out at the other door ; but then I was at as great a loss to know where I was, and which was the way to my

lodging. The wound in my thigh bled apace, and I could feel the blood in my breeches.

In this interval came by a chair — I called and went into it, and bid them, as well as I could, go to the Louvre; for though I knew not the name of the street where I lodged, I knew I could find the way to it when I was at the Bastille.

The chairmen went on their own way; and being stopped by a company of the guards as they went, set me down till the soldiers were marched by; when, looking out, I found I was just at my own lodging, and my companion captain Fielding was standing at the door looking for me: I beckoned him to me, and, whispering, told him I was very much hurt; but bid him pay the chairmen, and ask no questions, but come to me.

I made the best of my way up stairs; but had lost so much blood, that I had hardly spirits enough to keep me from swooning till he came in.

He was equally concerned with me to see me in such a terrible condition, and presently called up our landlord, and he as quickly called in his neighbours, that I had a room full of people about me in a quarter of an hour.

But this had like to have been of worse consequence to me than the other; for by this time there was great inquiring after the person who had killed a man at the tennis court.

My landlord was then sensible of his mistake,

and came to me and told me the danger I was in, and very honestly offered to convey me to a friend's of his, where I should be very secure.

I thanked him, and suffered myself to be carried at midnight whither he pleased: he visited me very often till I was well enough to walk about, which was not in less than ten days, and then we thought fit to be gone; so we took post for Orleans; but when I came upon the road I found myself in a new error, for my wound opened again with riding, and I was in a worse condition than before, being forced to take up at a little village on the road, about ten miles from Orleans, where there was no surgeon to be had, but a country barber, who, nevertheless, dressed me as well as he could, and in about a week more I was able to walk. Here I staid till I was quite well, and then took coach for Lyons, and so through Savoy into Italy.

I spent near two years time after this bad beginning in travelling through Italy, and to the several courts of Rome, Naples, Venice, and Vienna.

When I came to Lyons the king was gone from thence to Grenoble to meet the cardinal, but the queens were both at Lyons.

The French affairs seemed at this time to have but an indifferent aspect—there was no life in any but where the cardinal was: he pushed on every thing with extraordinary conduct, and generally with success. He had taken Suza and Pignerol

from the duke of Savoy, and was preparing to thrust the duke even out of all his dominions.

But in the mean time every where else things looked ill—the troops were badly paid, the magazines empty, the people mutinous, and a general disorder seized the minds of the court; and the cardinal, who was the soul of every thing, desired this interview at Grenoble, in order to put affairs into some better method.

This politic minister always ordered matters so, that if there was success in any thing, the glory was his; but if things miscarried, it was all laid upon the king.

This conduct was so much the more nice, as it is the direct contrary to the custom in like cases, where kings assume the glory of all the success in an action; and when a thing miscarries, make themselves easy by sacrificing their ministers and favourites to the complaints and resentments of the people: but this accurate, refined statesman got over this point.

While we were at Lyons, and, as I remember, the third day after our coming thither, we had like to have been involved in a state broil, without knowing where we were: it was on a Sunday, in the evening. The people of Lyons, who had been sorely oppressed in taxes, and the war in Italy pinching their trade, began to be very tumultuous. We found the day before the mob got toge-

ther in great-crowds, and talked strangely: the king was every where reviled, and spoken disrespectfully of, and the magistrates of the city either winked at, or durst not attempt to meddle, lest they should provoke the people.

But on Sunday night, about midnight, we were waked by a prodigious noise in the street. I jumped out of bed, and, running to the window, I saw the street as full of mob as it could hold, some, armed with musquets and halbards, marched in very good order; others in disorderly crowds—all shouting and crying out, “*Du Paix le Roy!*”

One that led a great party of this rabble carried a loaf of bread upon the top of a pike, and other less loaves, signifying the smallness of their bread, occasioned by dearth.

By morning the crowd was gathered to a great height: they ran roving over the whole city, shut up the shops, and forced the people to join with them; from thence they went up to the castle, and, renewing the clamour, a strange consternation seized the princes.

They broke open the doors of the officers, collectors of the new taxes, and plundered their houses; and had not the persons themselves fled in time, they had been very ill treated.

The queen mother, as she was very much displeased to see such consequences of the government,

in whose management she had no share, so I suppose she had the less concern upon her.

However, she came into the court of the castle, and shewed herself to the people, gave money amongst them, and spoke gently to them; and, by a way peculiar to herself, she pacified the mob, and sent them home with promises of redress; and so appeased this tumult in two days by her prudence, which the guards in the castle had small mind to meddle with, and if they had, would, in all probability, have made the better side the worse.

There had been several seditions of the like nature in sundry other parts of France; and the very army began to murmur, though not to mutiny, for want of provisions.

This sedition at Lyons was not quite over when we left the place; for, finding the city all in a broil, we considered we had no business there; and what the consequence of a popular tumult might be we did not see, so we prepared to be gone.

We had not rid above three miles out of the city but we were brought as prisoners of war by a party of mutineers, who had been abroad upon the scout, and were charged with being messengers sent to the cardinal for forces to reduce the citizens: with these pretences they brought us back in triumph, and the queen mother being by this time grown something familiar to them, they carried us before her.

When they inquired of us who we were, we called ourselves Scots; for as the English were very much out of favour in France at this time, the peace having been made not many months, and not supposed to be very durable, because particularly displeasing to the people of England; so the Scots were on the other extreme with the French. Nothing was so much caressed as the Scots; and a man had no more to do in France, if he would be well received there, than to say he was a Scotchman.

When we came before the queen mother she seemed to receive us with some stiffness at first, and ordered her guards to keep us in custody; but, as she was a lady of most exquisite politics, she did this to amuse the mob, and we were immediately after dismissed; and the queen herself made a handsome excuse to us for the rudeness we had suffered, alledging the troubles of the times; and the next morning we had three dragoons of the guards to convoy us out of the jurisdiction of Lyons.

I confess this little adventure gave me an aversion to popular tumults all my life after; and if nothing else had been in the cause, would have biassed me to espouse the king's party in England when our popular heats carried all before it at home.

But I must say, that, when I called to mind

face; the address, the management, the compliance in shew, and, in general, the whole conduct of the queen mother with the mutinous people of Lyons, and compared it with the conduct of my unhappy master the king of England, I could not but see that the queen understood much better than king Charles the management of politics, and the clamours of the people.

Had this princess been at the helm in England, she would have prevented all the calamities of the civil war here, and yet not have parted with what that prince yielded in order to peace neither: she would have yielded gradually, and then gained upon them gradually: she would have managed them to the point she had designed them, as she did all parties in France; and none could effectually subject her but the very man she had raised to be her principal support—I mean the cardinal.

We went from hence to Grenoble, and arrived there the same day that the king and the cardinal, with the whole court, went out to view a body of six thousand Swiss foot, which the cardinal had wheedled the cantons to grant to the king to hasten the ruin of their neighbour the duke of Savoy.

The troops were exceeding fine, well accoutred, brave, clean limbed, stout fellows indeed.

Here I saw the cardinal: there was an air of church gravity in his habit, but all the vigour of a general, and the sprightliness of a vast genius in

his face; he affected a little stiffness in his behaviour, but managed all his affairs with such clearness, such steadiness, and such application, that it was no wonder he had such success in every undertaking.

Here I saw also the king, whose figure was mean, his countenance was hollow, and always seemed dejected, and every way discovering that weakness in his countenance that appeared in his actions.

If he was ever sprightly and vigorous, it was when the cardinal was with him; for he depended so much on every thing he did, that he was at the utmost dilemma when he was absent, always timorous, jealous, and irresolute.

After the review the cardinal was absent some days, having been to wait on the queen mother at Lyons, where, as it was said, they were at least seemingly reconciled.

I observed, while the cardinal was gone, there was no court, the king was seldom to be seen, very small attendance given, and no bustle at the castle; but as soon as the cardinal returned the great councils were assembled, the coaches of the ambassadors went every day to the castle, and a face of business appeared upon the whole court.

Here the measures of the duke of Savoy's ruin were concerted; and, in order to it, the king and the cardinal put themselves at the head of the army, with which they immediately reduced all Savoy,

took Chamberry and the whole duchy, except Montmelian.

The army that did this was not above twenty-two thousand men, including the Swiss, and but indifferent troops neither, especially the French foot, who, compared to the infantry I have since seen in the German and Swedish armies, were not fit to be called foldiers. On the other hand, considering the Savoyards and Italian troops, they were good troops; but the cardinal's conduct made amends for all these deficiencies.

From hence I went to Pignerol, which was then little more than a single fortification on the hill near the town called St. Bride's; but the situation of that was very strong. I mention this because of the prodigious works since added to it, by which it has since obtained the name of the right hand of France: they had begun a new line below the hill, and some works were marked out on the side of the town next the fort; but the cardinal afterwards drew the plan of the works with his own hand, by which it was made one of the strongest fortresses in Europe.

While I was at Pignerol the governor of Milan, for the Spaniards, came with an army and sat down before Casal. The grand quarrel, and for which the war in this part of Italy was begun, was this:—the Spaniards and Germans pretended to the duchy of Mantua; the duke of Nevers, a Frenchman,

had not only a title to it, but had got possession of it, but being ill supported by the French, was beaten out by the Imperialists, and after a long siege the Germans took Mantua itself, and drove the poor duke quite out of the country.

The taking of Mantua elevated the spirits of the duke of Savoy; and the Germans and Spaniards being now at more leisure, with a complete army came to his assistance, and formed the siege of Montferrat.

For as the Spaniards pushed the duke of Mantua, so the French, by way of diversion, lay hard upon the duke of Savoy: they had seized Montferrat, and held it for the duke of Mantua, and had a strong French garrison under Thoiras, a brave and experienced commander; and these affairs stood when we came into the French army.

I had no business there as a soldier; but having passed as a Scotch gentleman with the mob at Lyons, and after with her majesty, the queen mother, when we obtained the guard of her dragoons, we had also her majesty's pass, with which we came and went where we pleased; and the cardinal, who was then not on very good terms with the queen, but willing to keep smooth water there, when two or three times our passes came to be examined, shewed a more than ordinary respect to us on that very account, our passes being from the queen.

Casal being besieged, as I have observed, began

to be in danger, for the cardinal, who it was thought had formed a design to ruin Savoy, was more intent upon that than upon the succour of the duke of Mantua; but necessity calling upon him to deliver so great a captain as Thoiras, and not to let such a place as Casal fall into the hands of the enemy, the king, or cardinal rather, ordered the duke of Montmorency and the marshal d'Effiat, with ten thousand foot and two thousand horse, to march and join the marshals de la Force and Schomberg, who lay already with an army on the frontiers of Genoa, but too weak to attempt the raising the siege of Casal.

As all men thought there would be a battle between the French and the Spaniards, I could not prevail with myself to lose the opportunity, and therefore, by the help of the passes above mentioned, I came to the French army under the duke of Montmorency. We marched through the enemy's country with great boldness and no small hazard, for the duke of Savoy appeared frequently with great bodies of horse on the rear of the army, and frequently skirmished with our troops; in one of which I had the folly, I can call it no better, for I had no business there, to go out and see the sport, as the French gentlemen called it.

I was but a raw soldier, and did not like the sport at all; for this party was surrounded by the

duke of Savoy, and almost all killed, for as to quarter, they neither asked nor gave any.

I run away very fairly one of the first, and my companion with me, and by the goodness of our horses got out of the fray; and being not much known in the army, we came into the camp an hour or two after, as if we had been only riding abroad for the air.

This little rout made the general very cautious; for the Savoyards were stronger in horse by three or four thousand, and the army always marched in a body, and kept their parties in or very near hand.

I escaped another rub in this French army about five days after, which had like to have made me pay dear for my curiosity.

The duke de Montmorency and the marshal Schomberg joined their army about four or five days after, and immediately, according to the cardinal's instructions, put themselves on the march for the relief of Casal.

The army had marched over a great plain, with some marshy grounds on the right, and the Po on the left; and as the country was so well discovered that it was thought impossible any mischief should happen, the generals observed the less caution. At the end of this plain was a long wood, and a lane or narrow defile through the middle of it.

Through this pass the army was to march; and

the van began to file through it about four o'clock; by three hours time all the army was got through, or into the pass, and the artillery was just entered, when the duke of Savoy, with four thousand horse, and fifteen hundred dragoons, with every horseman a footman behind him; whether he had swam the Po, or passed it above at a bridge, and made a long march after, was not examined, but he came boldly up the plain, and charged our rear with a great deal of fury.

Our artillery was in the lane, and as it was impossible to turn them about, and make way for the army, so the rear were obliged to support themselves, and maintain the fight for above an hour and a half.

In this time we lost abundance of men, and if it had not been for two accidents, all that line would have been cut off: one was, that the wood was so near, that those regiments which were disordered presently sheltered themselves in the wood; the other was, that by this time marshal Schomberg, with the horse of the van, began to get back through the lane, and to make good the ground from whence the other had been beaten, till at last, by this means, it came to almost a pitched battle.

There were two regiments of French dragoons who did excellent service in this action, and maintained their ground till they were almost all killed.

Had the duke of Savoy contented himself with the defeat of five regiments on the right, which he quite broke and drove into the wood, and with the slaughter and havock which he had made among the rest, he had come off with honour, and might have called it a victory; but endeavouring to break the whole party, and carry off some cannon, the obstinate resistance of these few dragoons lost him his advantages, and held him in play till so many fresh troops got through the pass again as made us too strong for him; and had not night parted them, he had been entirely defeated.

At last, finding our troops increase and spread themselves on his flank, he gave over and retired; we had no great stomach to pursue him neither, though some horse were ordered to follow a little way.

The duke lost above a thousand men, and we almost twice as many; and, but for those dragoons, had lost the whole rear-guard and half our cannon.

I was in a very sorry case in this action too: I was with the rear in the regiment of horse of Perigoort, with a captain of which regiment I had contracted some acquaintance. I would have rid off at first, as the captain desired me, but there was no doing it, for the cannon was in the lane, and the horse and dragoons of the van, eagerly pressing back through the lane, must have run me down, or

carried me with them. As for the wood, it was a good shelter to save one's life, but was so thick there was no passing it on horseback.

Our regiment was one of the first that was broke; and being all in confusion, with the duke of Savoy's men at our heels, away we ran into the wood. Never was there so much disorder among a parcel of runaways as when we came to this wood: it was so exceeding bushy and thick at the bottom there was no entering it; and a volley of small shot from a regiment of Savoy's dragoons, poured in upon us at our breaking into the wood, made terrible work amongst our horses.

For my part, I was got into the wood, but was forced to quit my horse, and by that means, with a great deal of difficulty, got a little farther in, where there was a little open place, and, being quite spent with labouring among the bushes, I sat down, resolving to take my fate there, let it be what it would, for I was not able to go any farther. I had twenty or thirty more, in the same condition, came to me in less than half an hour; and here we waited very securely the success of the battle, which was as I have related.

It was no small relief to those with me to hear the Savoyards were beaten, for otherwise they had all been lost: as for myself, I confess, I was glad as it was, because of the danger; but otherwise I

cared not much which had the better, for I designed no service among them.

One kindness it did me, that I began to consider what I had to do here; and as I could give but a very slender account of myself for what it was I ran all these risques, so I resolved they should fight it out among themselves, for I would come among them no more.

The captain with whom, as I noted before, I had contracted some acquaintance in this regiment, was killed in this action, and the French had really a great blow here, though they took care to conceal it all they could; and I cannot, without smiling, read some of the histories and memoirs of this action, which they are not ashamed to call a victory.

We marched on to Saluces, and the next day the duke of Savoy presented himself in battalia on the other side of a small river, giving us a fair challenge to pass and engage him. We always said in our camp that the orders were to fight the duke of Savoy wherever we met him; but though he braved us in our view, we did not care to engage him, but we brought Saluces to surrender upon articles, which the duke could not relieve without attacking our camp, which he did not care to do.

The next morning we had news of the surrender of Mantua to the Imperial army: we heard of it first from the duke of Savoy's cannon, which he

and by way of rejoicing, and which seemed to make him amends for the loss of Saluces.

As this was a mortification to the French, so it quite damped the success of the campaign, for the duke de Montmorency imagining that the Imperial general would send immediate assistance to the marquis Spinola, who besieged Casal, they called frequent councils of war what course to take, and at last resolved to halt in Piedmont.

A few days after their resolutions were changed again, by the news of the death of the duke of Savoy, Charles Emanuel, who died, as some say, agitated with the extremes of joy and grief.

This put our generals upon considering again whether they should march to the relief of Casal; but the chimera of the Germans put them by, and so they took up quarters in Piedmont: they took several small places from the duke of Savoy, making advantage of the consternation the duke's subjects were in on the death of their prince, and spread themselves from the sea side to the banks of the Po.

But here an enemy did that for them which the Savoyards could not, for the plague got into their quarters, and destroyed abundance of people, both of the army and of the country.

I thought then it was time for me to be gone, for I had no manner of courage for that risque; and I think verily I was more afraid of being taken

sick in a strange country than ever I was of being killed in battle.

Upon this resolution I procured a pass to go for Genoa, and accordingly began my journey, but was arrested at Villa Franca by a slow lingering fever, which held me about five days, and then turned to a burning malignancy, and at last to the plague. My friend, the captain, never left me night nor day; and though for four days I knew nobody, nor was capable of so much as thinking of myself, yet it pleased God that the distemper gathered in my neck, swelled, and broke: during the swelling I was raging mad with the violence of pain, which being so near my head, swelled that also in proportion, that my eyes were in the same condition, and for twenty-four hours my tongue and mouth: then, as my servant since told me, the physicians gave me over as past all remedy, but by the good providence of God the swelling broke.

The prodigious collection of matter which this swelling discharged gave me immediate relief, and I became sensible in less than an hour's time; and in two hours, or thereabouts, fell into a little slumber, which recovered my spirits, and sensibly revived me.

Here I lay by it till the 10th of September. My captain fell sick after me, but recovered quickly: his man had the plague, and died in two days: my man held it out well.

About the middle of September we heard of a truce concluded between all parties; and being unwilling to winter at Villa Franca, I got passes, and, though we were both but weak, began to travel in letters for Milan.

And here I experienced the truth of the old English proverb, "That stands-by see more than the gamesters."

The French, Savoyards, and Spaniards, made this peace or truce all for separate and several grounds, and every one were mistaken.

The French yielded to it because they had given over the relief of Casal, and were very much afraid it would fall into the hands of the marquis Spinola.

The Savoyards yielded to it because they were afraid the French would winter in Piedmont.

The Spaniards yielded to it because the duke of Savoy being dead, and the count de Colalto, the Imperial general, giving no assistance, and his army weakened by sickness and the fatigues of the siege, he foresaw he should never take the town, and wanted but to come off with honour.

The French were mistaken, because really Spinola was so weak, that, had they marched on into Montferrat, the Spaniards must have raised the siege.

The duke of Savoy was mistaken, because the plague had so weakened the French, that they durst not have staid to winter in Piedmont; and

Spindola was mistaken, for though he was very firm, if he had staid before the town one fortnight longer, Theires, the governor, must have surrendered, being brought to the last extremity.

Of all these mistakes the French had the advantage, for Casal was relieved, the army had time to be recruited, and the French had the best of it by an early campaign.

He passed through Montserrat in my way to Milan just as the truce was declared, and saw the miserable remains of the Spanish army, who by sickness, fatigue, and hard duty, the sickness of the garrison, and such like consequences, were reduced to less than two thousand men, and of these above one thousand lay wounded and sick in the camp, and at base. Here were several regiments which I saw drawn out to their arms that could not make up above fifty men; of mighty men, officers and all, and those half starved with hunger, almost naked, and in a lamentable condition. From thence I went into the town, and there things were still in a worse condition, the houses beaten down; the walls and works ruined; the garrison, by continual duty, reduced from four thousand five hundred men to less than eight hundred, without clothes, money, or provisions; the brave governor weak with continual fatigue, and the whole face of things in a miserable case.

The French generals had just sent them thirty

thousand crowns for present supply, which heared them a little; but had not the truce been made as it was, they must have surrendered upon what terms the Spaniards had pleased to make them.

Never were two armies in such fear of one another with so little cause; the Spaniards afraid of the French whom the plague had devoured; and the French afraid of the Spaniards whom the siege had almost ruined.

The grief of this mistake, together with the loss of his master, the Spaniards leaving him without supplies to complete the siege of Casal, so affected the marquis Spinola, that he died of grief, and in him fell the last of that rare breed of Low-Country soldiers who gave the world so great and just a character of the Spanish infantry as the best soldiers in the world; a character which we see them so very much degenerated from since, that they hardly deserve the name of soldiers.

I continued at Milan the rest of the winter; both for the recovery of my health, and also for supplies from England.

Here it was I first heard the name of Gustavus Adolphus, the king of Sweden, who now began his war with the emperor; and while the king of France was at Lyons the league with Sweden was made, in which the French contributed one million two hundred thousand crowns in money, and six

hundred thousand per annum to the attempt of Gustavus Adolphus. About this time he landed in Pomerania, took the towns of Stetin and Stralsund, and from thence proceeded in that prodigious manner, of which I shall have occasion to be very particular in the prosecution of these memoirs.

I had indeed no design of seeing that king, or his armies: I had been so roughly handled already, that I had given over the thoughts of appearing among the fighting people, and resolved in the spring to pursue my journey to Venice, and so for the rest of Italy.

Yet I cannot deny that as every gazette gave us some accounts of the conquests and victories of this glorious prince, it prepossessed my thoughts with secret wishes of seeing him; but these were so young and unsettled, that I drew no resolutions from them for a long while after.

About the middle of January I left Milan and came to Genoa; from thence by sea to Leghorn; then to Naples, Rome, and Venice; but saw nothing in Italy that gave me any diversion.

As for what is modern, I heard of little but lowliness, private murders, stabbing men at the corner of a street in the dark, poisoning, twisting of the neck, hiring of bravoes, and the like; all the diversions here ended in the commission of every debauchery: these were to me the modern excellencies of Italy; and I had no taste for antiquities.

It was pleasant indeed when I was at Rome to say, here stood the Capitol — there the colossus of Nero — here was the amphitheatre of Titus — there the aqueduct — here the forum — there the catacombs — here the temple of Venus — there of Jupiter — here the Pantheon, &c.; but as I never designed to publish my travels, as much as was useful I kept in my memory, and for the rest I left it to others.

I observed the people degenerated from the ancient glorious inhabitants, who were generous, brave, and the most valiant of all nations, to a vicious baseness of soul, barbarous, treacherous, jealous and revengeful, lewd and cowardly, intolerably proud and haughty, bigoted to blind, incoherent devotion, and the grossest of idolatry.

Indeed I think the unsuitableness of the people made the place unpleasant to me; for there is so little in a country to recommend it when the people disgrace it, that no beauties of the creation can make up for the want of those excellencies which suitable society procure the defect of: this made Italy a very unpleasant country to me; the people were the soil to the place, all manner of hateful vices reigning in their general way of living.

I confess I was not very religious myself, and, being come abroad into the world young, might easily have been drawn into evils that had recommended themselves with any tolerable agreeableness to nature and common manners; but when wicked-

ness, presented itself full grown, in a graceful freedom and liberality, it quite took away all the cause to mind; that the attempt had furnished me with, and in this I cannot but relate a scene which passed.

At a certain town in Italy, one evening as I was passing a lady, I luckily prevented her falling, and offered my service to see her home, which she very politely accepted; and when she came abroad, she, with equal politeness, desired me to walk in.

Hitherto I had seen but little of her; but when her maid had undressed her, I beheld such a figure, face, and shape, as I had never seen before; and to all this the magnificence of her apartments, cabinet of plate, with every thing in proportion, made me imagine that she was a lady of the first quality.

When we were seated, (and her servant retired) she, finding I was an Englishman, questioned me concerning my travels. When I had informed her, she entered into an agreeable relation concerning herself; when I soon found, from a freedom which she took, that she was, what we call in London, a woman of the town.

Though she was a fine woman, and her conversation extremely agreeable, I had not an inclination to an intriguer, and began to recollect where I was, and that in this country these were people not to be affronted; and as she easily saw the confusion I was in, she changed her discourse with admirable

gentle by saying, for the kindness I had shewn her she relieved me as only a visitant, and rang for her servant, and ordered her to bring some sweet-meats and wine.

Here I was more in confusion than before; for I concluded she would neither offer me to eat nor to drink without poison; and I was cautious of taking her treachery; but she removed this fear immediately, by her eating and drinking of every thing she offered me. Whether she perceived my weakness, or the reason of it I know not; I could not for some time get rid of my suspicion; but she obliging behaviour and politeness of her conversation had so much power over me, that at length I both ate and drank without the least hesitation.

After I had been there above an hour, I arose to take my leave, and presented her five pistoles, which she refused to take, saying, she could not in honour accept, as I had not received any favours. I then laid the pieces on the table. Still she refused them; till, at last, she, smiling, said, if I would give her my word of honour that I would pay her another visit, she would comply with my request; and I immediately took my leave.

The evening but two after I had the curiosity to go to one of their churches to see their devotions, where I observed this very lady devoutly at her prayers. At her coming out of the church I spoke

to her: she paid me her respects, with a deal of good nature, and again I saw her safe home.

From this time I visited her frequently, and with a great deal of freedom, as well on her part as on mine, for she behaved to me rather as a friend than a gallant; and so far was she from the generality of those of her profession, that I could never prevail upon her to accept of any other present than what I have already related.

She informed me she was a Spaniard by birth, and brought into Italy by her father, who was a merchant, when six years old: that she had been there fifteen years; and in that time she had been deprived of her parents, the loss of whom was the cause of her seduction: that the Italians were a vicious people, and many of them, of both sexes, even against nature; (though, she said, she never could submit to such vile prostitution herself, yet such were to be found in almost every street, and in almost every rank of life.

The end of my relating this story is answered in describing the manner of their address, without bringing myself to confession: if I did any thing I have reason to be ashamed of, it may be a less crime to conceal it than expose it.

The particulars related, however, may lead the reader of these sheets to a view of what gave me a particular disgust at this pleasant part of the world,

as they pretend to call it, and made me quit the place sooner than travellers use to do that come thither to satisfy their curiosity.

The prodigious stupid bigotry of the people also was irksome to me : I thought there was something in it very fordid ; the entire empire the priests have over both the souls and bodies of the people gave me a specimen of that meanness of spirit which is no where else to be seen but in Italy, especially in the city of Rome.

At Venice I perceived it quite different ; the civil authority having a visible superiority over the ecclesiastic, and the church being more subject there to the state than in any other part of Italy.

For these reasons I took no pleasure in filling my memoirs of Italy with remarks of places or things ; all the antiquities and valuable remains of the Roman nation are done better than I can pretend to by such people who made it more their business : as for me, I went to see, and not to write, and as little thought then of these memoirs as I ill furnished myself to write them.

I left Italy in April, and taking the tour of Bavaria, though very much out of the way, I passed through Munich, Passaw, Lints, and at last to Vienna.

I came to Vienna the 10th of April, 1631, intending to have gone from thence down the Danube into Hungary, and by means of a pass, which I

had obtained from the English ambassador at Constantinople, I designed to have seen all those great towns on the Danube which were then in the hands of the Turks, and which I had read much of in the history of the war between the Turks and the Germans; but I was diverted from my design by the following occasion.

There had been a long bloody war in the empire of Germany for twelve years, between the emperor, the duke of Bavaria, the king of Spain, and the popish princes and electors, on the one side, and the protestant princes on the other; and both sides having been exhausted by the war, and even the catholics themselves beginning to dislike the growing power of the house of Austria, it was thought all parties were willing to make peace.

Nay, things were brought to that pass, that some of the popish princes and electors began to talk of making alliances with Gustavus Adolphus, king of Sweden.

Here it is necessary to observe, that the two dukes of Mecklenburg having been dispossessed of most of their dominions by the tyranny of the emperor Ferdinand, and being in danger of losing the rest, earnestly solicited the king of Sweden to come to their assistance; and that prince, as he was related to the house of Mecklenburg, and especially as he was willing to lay hold of any opportunity to break with the emperor, against whom he had late

up an implacable prejudice, was very ready and forward to come to their assistance.

The reasons of his quarrel with the emperor were grounded upon the Imperialists concerning themselves in the war of Poland, where the emperor had sent eight thousand foot and two thousand horse to join the Polish army against the king, and had thereby given some check to his arms in that war.

In pursuance, therefore, of his resolution to quarrel with the emperor, but more particularly at the instance of the princes above named, his Swedish majesty had landed the year before at Stralsund with about twelve thousand men, and having joined with some forces which he had left in Polish Prussia, all which did not make thirty thousand men, he began a war with the emperor, the greatest in event, filled with the most famous battles, sieges, and extraordinary actions, including its wonderful success and happy conclusion, of any war ever maintained in the world.

The king of Sweden had already taken Stetin, Stralsund, Rostock, Wismar, and all the strong places on the Baltic, and began to spread himself in Germany; he had made a league with the French, as I observed in my story of Saxony; he had now made a treaty with the duke of Brandenburg; and in short, began to be terrible to the empire.

In this conjuncture the emperor called the general diet of the empire to be held at Ratibon.

where, as he pretended, all sides were to treat of peace, and to join forces to beat the Swedes out of the empire.

Here the emperor, by a most exquisite management, brought the affairs of the diet to a conclusion exceedingly to his own advantage, and to the farther oppression of the Protestants; and, in particular, in that the war against the king of Sweden was to be carried on in such manner as that the whole burden and charge would lie on the Protestants themselves, and they be made the instruments to oppose their best friends.

Other matters also ended equally to their disadvantage, as the methods resolved on to recover the church lands, and to prevent the education of the Protestant clergy; and what remained was referred to another general diet to be held at Frankfort au Main in August, 1631.

I will not pretend to say the other Protestant princes of Germany had never made any overtures to the king of Sweden to come to their assistance; but it is plain they had entered into no league with him—that appears from the difficulties which retarded the fixing the treaties afterward, both with the dukes of Brandenburg and Saxony, which unhappily occasioned the ruin of Magdenburg.

But it is plain the Swede was resolved on a war with the emperor: his Swedish majesty might, and indeed could not but foresee, that if he once shewed

himself with a sufficient force on the frontiers of the empire, all the Protestant princes would be obliged, by their interest, or by his arms, to fall in with him, and this the consequence made appear to be a just conclusion, for the electors of Brandenburg and Saxony were both forced to join with him.

First, they were willing to join with him—at least they could not find in their hearts to join with the emperor, of whose power they had such just apprehensions: they wished the Swedes success, and would have been very glad to have had the work done at another man's charge; but, like true Germans, they were more willing to be saved than to save themselves, and therefore hung back and stood upon terms.

Secondly, they were, at last, forced to it: the first was forced to join by the king of Sweden himself, who, being come so far, was not to be dallied with; and had not the duke of Brandenburg complied as he did, he had been ruined by the Swede—the Saxon was driven into the arms of the Swede by force; for count Tilly, general of the Imperial army, ravaging his country, made him comply with any terms to be saved from destruction.

Thus matters stood at the end of the diet at Ratishon—the king of Sweden began to see himself leagued against at the diet both by Protestants

and Papists; and, as I have often heard his majesty say since, he had resolved to try to force them off from the emperor, and to treat them as enemies equally with the rest, if they did not.

But the Protestants convinced him soon after, that though they were tricked into the outward appearance of a league against him at Ratibon; they had no such intentions; and by their ambassadors to him let him know, that they only wanted his powerful assistance to defend their councils; when they would soon convince him that they had a due sense of the emperor's designs, and would do their utmost for their liberty; and these I take to be the first invitations the king of Sweden had to undertake the Protestant cause as such, and which entitled him to say he fought for the liberty and religion of the German nation.

I have had some particular opportunities to hear these things from the lips of some of the very princes themselves, and therefore am the forwarder to relate them; and I place them here, because, previous to the part I acted on this bloody scene, it is necessary to let the reader into some part of the story, and to shew him in what manner, and on what occasions, this terrible war began.

The Protestants, alarmed at the usage they had met with at the former diet, had secretly proposed among themselves to form a general union of con-

fulsome, who, perceiving that ruin which they saw, unless some speedy remedies were applied, would be inevitable.

The elector of Saxony, the head of the Protestants, a rigorous and politic prince, was the first that moved it; and the landgrave of Hesse, a valiant and gallant prince, being consulted with, it rested a great while between those two, no method being found practicable to bring it to pass, the emperor being so powerful in all parts, that they foresaw the petty princes would not dare to negotiate an affair of such a nature, being surrounded with the Imperial forces, who, by their two generals, Wallenstein and Tilly, kept them in continual subjection and terror.

This dilemma had like to have stifled the thoughts of the union, as a thing impracticable; when one Seigenius, a Lutheran minister, a person of great abilities, and one whom the elector of Saxony made great use of in matters of policy as well as religion, contrived for them this excellent expedient.

I had the honour to be acquainted with this gentleman while I was at Leipzig. It pleased him exceedingly to have been the contriver of so fine a structure as the conclusions of Leipzig, and he was glad to be entertained on that subject — I had the relation from his own mouth, when, but very modestly, he told me he thought it was an inspiration darted on a sudden into his thoughts when the duke

of Saxony, calling him into his closet one morning, with a face full of concern, shaking his head, and looking very earnestly,

"What will become of us, doctor?" said the duke: "we shall all be undone at Frankfort au Main."

"Why so, please your highness?" says the doctor.

"Why they will fight with the King of Sweden with our armies and money," says the duke, "and devour our friends and ourselves by the help of our friends and ourselves."

"But what is become of the confederacy then," said the doctor, "which your highness had so happily framed in your thoughts, and which the landgrave of Hesse was so pleased with?"

"Become of it," says the duke: "it is a good thought enough, but it is impossible to bring it to pass among so many members of the Protestant princes as are to be consulted with; for we neither have time to treat, nor will half of them dare to negotiate the matter, the Imperialists being quartered in their very bowels."

"But may not some expedient be found out," says the doctor, "to bring them altogether to treat of it in a general meeting?"

"It is well proposed," says the duke, "but in what town or city shall they assemble where the very deputies shall not be besieged by Tilly or

Wallerstein, in fourteen days time, and sacrificed
 "to the cruelty and fury of the emperor Rudi-
 "nand?"

"Will your highness be the easier in it," re-
 plies the doctor, "if a way may be found out to
 "call such an assembly upon other causes, at which
 "the emperor may have no umbrage, and perhaps
 "give his assent? You know the diet at Frank-
 "fort is at hand; it is necessary the Protestants
 "should have an assembly of their own, to pre-
 "pare matters for the general diet, and it may be
 "no difficult matter to obtain it."

The duke, surprised with joy at the mention,
 embraced the doctor with an extraordinary trans-
 port—"Thou hast done it, doctor," said he, and
 immediately caused him to draw a form of a letter
 to the emperor, which he did with the utmost dex-
 terity of style, in which he was a great master, re-
 presenting to his Imperial majesty, that, in order
 to put an end to the troubles of Germany, his ma-
 jesty would be pleased to permit the Protestant
 princes of the empire to hold a diet to themselves,
 to consider of such matters as they were to treat of
 at the general diet, in order to conform themselves
 to the will and pleasure of his Imperial majesty, to
 drive out foreigners, and settle a lasting peace in
 the empire.

He also insinuated something of their resolutions
 unanimously to give their suffrages in favour of the

king of Hungary at the election of a king of the Romans — a thing which he knew the emperor had in his thought, and would push at with all his might at the diet.

This letter was sent, and the bait so neatly concealed, that the electors of Bavaria and Mentz, the king of Hungary, and several of the Popish princes, not foreseeing that the ruin of them all lay in the bottom of it, foolishly advised the emperor to consent to it.

In consenting to this the emperor signed his own destruction; for here began the conjunction of the German Protestants with the Swede, which was the fatallest blow to Ferdinand, and which he could never recover.

Accordingly the diet was held at Leipzig, February 8, 1636, where the Protestants agreed on several heads for their mutual defence, which were the grounds of the following war: these were the famous conclusions of Leipzig which so alarmed the emperor and the whole empire, that, to crush in the beginning, the emperor commanded count Tilly immediately to fall upon the landgrave of Hesse and the duke of Saxony, as the principal heads of the union — but it was too late.

The conclusions were digested into ten heads.

i. That since their sins had brought God's judgements upon the whole Protestant church, they should command public prayers to be made to Al-

mighty God for the diverting the calamities that
 befell them.

That a treaty of peace might be set on foot,
 in order to come to a right understanding with the
 Catholic princes.

That a time for such a treaty being obtained,
 they should appoint an assembly of delegates to
 meet preparatory to the treaty.

That all their complaints should be humbly
 represented to his Imperial majesty and the Catholic
 electors in order to a peaceable accommodation.

That they claim the protection of the em-
 peror according to the laws of the empire, and
 the sacred emperor's solemn oath and promise.

6. That they would appoint deputies, who should
 meet at certain times to consult of their common
 interest, and who should be always empowered to
 conclude of what should be thought needful for
 their safety.

That they will raise a competent force to
 maintain and defend their liberties, rights, and re-
 ligion.

That it is agreeable to the constitution of
 the empire, concluded in the diet at Ausburg to
 do so.

That the arming for their necessary defence
 shall by no means hinder their obedience to his
 Imperial majesty, but that they will still continue
 their loyalty to him.

10. They agree to proportion their forces, which, in all, amounted to seventy thousand men.

The emperor, exceedingly startled at the conclusions, issued out a severe proclamation or ban against them, which imported much the same thing as a declaration of war, and commanded Tilly to begin, and immediately to fall on the duke of Saxony with all the fury imaginable, as I have already observed.

Here began the flame to break out; for, upon the emperor's ban, the Protestants sent away to the king of Sweden for succour.

His Swedish majesty had already conquered Mecklenburg and part of Pomerania, and was advancing with his victorious troops, increased by the addition of some regiments raised in those parts, in order to carry on the war against the emperor, having designed to follow up the Oder into Silesia, and so to push the war home to the emperor's hereditary countries of Austria and Bohemia, when the first messengers came to him in this case, but this changed his measures, and brought him to the frontiers of Brandenburg, resolved to answer the desires of the Protestants.

But here the duke of Brandenburg began to halt, making some difficulties, and demanding terms, which drove the king to use some extremities with him, and stop the Swedes for a while, who had otherwise been on the banks of the Elbe.

as soon as Tilly, the Imperial general, had entered Saxony, which if they had done, the miserable destruction of Magdenburg had been prevented, as I observed before.

The king had been invited into the union, and when he first came back from the banks of the Oder he had accepted it, and was preparing to back it with all his power.

The duke of Saxony had already a good army, which he had with infinite diligence recruited, and mustered them under the cannon of Leipzig. The king of Sweden having, by his ambassador at Leipzig, entered into the union of the Protestants, was advancing victoriously to their aid, just as count Tilly had entered the duke of Saxony's dominions.

The fame of the Swedish conquests, and of the hero who commanded them, shook my resolution of travelling into Turkey, being resolved to see the conjunction of the Protestants' armies, and before the fire was broke out too far, to take the advantage of seeing both sides.

While I remained at Vienna, uncertain which way I should proceed, I remember I observed they talked of the king of Sweden as a prince of no consideration; one that they might let go on and tire himself in Mecklenburg, and thereabout, till they could find leisure to deal with him, and then might be crushed as they pleased: but as it is never

safe to despise an enemy, so this was not an enemy to be despised, as they afterwards found.

As to the conclusions of Leipzig, indeed at first they gave the Imperial court some uneasiness; but when they found the Imperial armies began to fright the members out of the union, and that the several branches had no considerable force on foot, it was the general discourse at Vienna that the union at Leipzig only gave the emperor an opportunity to crush absolutely the dukes of Saxony, Brandenburg, and the landgrave of Hesse, and that they looked upon it as a thing certain.

I never saw any real concern in their faces last Vienna, until news came to rest that the king of Sweden had entered into the union; but as this made them very uneasy, they began to move the powerfulllest methods possible to divert his march; and upon this news count Tilly was hastened to fall into Saxony before this union could prove to a conjunction of forces.

This was certainly a very good resolution, and no measure could have been more exactly concerted, had not the diligence of the Saxons prevented it.

The gathering of this storm, which, from an obscure cloud, began to spread over the empire, and from the little duchy of Mecklenburg began to threaten all Germany, absolutely determined me, as I noted before, as to travelling; and, laying aside the

thoughts of Hungary, I resolved, if possible, to see the king of Sweden's army.

I parted from Vienna the middle of May, and took post for Great Glogau in Silesia, as if I had purposed to pass into Poland, but designing indeed to go down the Oder to Custrin in the marquisate of Brandenburg, and so to Berlin; but when I came to the frontiers of Silesia, though I had passes, I could go no further; the guards on all the frontiers were so strict; so I was obliged to come back into Bohemia, and went to Prague.

From hence I found I could easily pass through the Imperial provinces to the Lower Saxony; and accordingly took passes for Hamburg, designing, however, to use them no farther than I found occasion.

By virtue of these passes I got into the Imperial army under count Tilly; then at the siege of Magdenburg, May the second.

I confess I did not foresee the fate of this city; neither, I believe, did count Tilly himself expect to glut his fury with so entire a défolation; much less did the people expect it: I did believe they must capitulate; and I perceived, by discourse in the army, that Tilly would give them but very indifferent conditions; but it fell out otherwise.

The treaty of surrender was, as it were, begun, nay some say concluded; when some of the out-guards of the Imperialists, finding the citizens had

abandoned the guards of the works, and looked at themselves with less diligence than usual; they broke in, carried an half moon sword in hand with little resistance; and though it was a surprise on both sides, the citizens neither fearing, nor the army expecting, the occasion, the garrison, with as much resolution as could be expected under such a flight, flew to the walls, twice beat the Imperials off; but fresh men springing up, and the administrator of Magdeburg himself being wounded and taken, the enemy broke in, took the city by storm, and entered with such terrible fury, that without respect to age or condition, they put all the garrison and inhabitants, men, women, and child, to the sword, plundered the city, and when they had done this, set it on fire. I do not know any

This calamity was the disastrous sight that ever I saw: the rage of the Imperial soldiers was most intolerable, and not to be expressed. Of twenty-five thousand, some said thirty thousand people, there was not a soul to be seen alive, till the flames drove those that were hid in vaults and secret places to seek death in the streets, rather than perish in the fire.

Of these miserable creatures some were killed; too, by the furious foldiers; but at last they saved the lives of such as came out of their cellars and holes, and so about two thousand poor desperate creatures were left. The exact number of those

what resisted in this city could never be known; beside, these the soldiers had first butchered the French afterwards drowned. On the 10th of June it was on the other side the Elbe when this dreadful piece of butchery was done. The city of Magdeburg had a sconce or fort over against it, called the gall-house, which joined to the city by a very fine bridge of boats.

This fort was taken by the Imperialists a few days before; and having a mind to see it, and this rather because from thence I could have a very good view of the city, I was gone over Tilly's bridge of boats to view this fort. About ten o'clock in the morning I perceived they were storming by the firing, and immediately ran to the works: I little thought of the taking the city, but imagined it might be some out-work attacked; for we all expected the city would surrender that day or next, and they might have capitulated upon very good terms.

Being upon the works of the fort, on a sudden I heard the dreadfullest cry raised in the city that can be imagined—it is not possible to express the manner of it—and I could see the women and children running about the streets in a most lamentable condition.

The city wall did not run along the side where the river was with so great a height but we could plainly see the market place, and the several streets.

which ran down to the river. In about an hour's time, after this first cry, all was confusion: there was little shooting—the execution was all cutting of throats and mere house-murders. The resolute garrison, with the brave-baron Falckenberg, fought it out to the last, and were cut in pieces: and by this time the Imperial soldiers having broke open the gates and entered on all sides, the slaughter was very dreadful. We could see the people in crowds driven down the streets, flying from the fury of the soldiers, who followed butchering them as fast as they could; until, driving them to the river's edge, the desperate wretches threw themselves into the river, where thousands of them perished, especially women and children. A mob of rioters and loafers. Several men that could swim got over to our side, where the soldiers, disgusted with fighting, gave them quarter, and took them up; and I cannot but do this justice to the German officers in the fort: they had five small flat-boats, and they gave leave to the soldiers to go off in them, and get what booty they could; but charged them not to kill anybody, but take them all prisoners.

Nor was their humanity ill-rewarded: for the soldiers, wisely avoiding those places where their fellows were employed in butchering, retired to other places; where crowds of people stood crying out for help, and expecting to be every minute either drowned or murdered: of these, at sundry

ming they scotched over near six hundred, but took
care to take in none; but such as offered them good
pay, was the only thing that they took in. The only
thing that was of money or jewels of greater service
than now, for those that had any thing of that
sort to offer were soonest helped.

There was a bawler of the town, who, seeing
the boat coming near him, but out of his call, by
the help of a speaking trumpet told the soldiers in
it he would give them twenty thousand dollars to
scotch him off; they rowed close to the shore, and
got him, with his wife and six children, into the
boat; but such throngs of people got about the
boat, that they had like to have sunk it, so that the
soldiers were fain to drive a great many out again
by main force; and while they were doing this
some of the country, coming down the street, des-
perately drove them into the water. The boat, however, brought the bawler and his
wife and children safe; and though they had not
all their wealth about them, yet in jewels and money
he gave them so much as made all the fellows very
rich.

I cannot pretend to describe the cruelty of this
day; the town by five in the afternoon was all in a
flame; the wealth consumed was inestimable, and a
gift to the very conqueror. I think there was little
or nothing left but the great church, and about one
hundred heads.

This was a bad welcome into the army for me, and gave me a horror and aversion to the emperor's people, as well as to his cause. I quitted the camp the third day after this execution, while the fire was scarcely out in the city; and from thence, getting safe conduct to pass into the Palatinate, I turned out of the road at a small village on the Elbe, called Emerfield, and by ways I can give but small account of, having a boor for our guide, whom we could scarcely understand, I arrived at Leipzig on the 17th of May.

We found the elector intense upon the strengthening of his army, but the people in the greatest terror imaginable, every day expecting Tilly with the German army, who, by his cruelty at Magdenburg, was become so dreadful to the Protestants, that they expected no mercy wherever he came.

The emperor's power was made so formidable to all the Protestants, particularly since the diet at Ratisbon left them in a worse case than it found them, that they had not only formed the conclusions of Leipzig, which all men looked on as the effect of desperation rather than any probable means of their deliverance, but had privately implored the protection and assistance of foreign powers, and particularly the king of Sweden, from whom they had promises of a speedy and powerful assistance.

• And truly, if the Swede had not, with a very

strong hand, rescued them, all their conclusions at Leipzig had served but to hasten their ruin.

I remember very well, when I was in the Imperial army, they disconcerted with such contempt of the forces of the Protestants, that not only the Imperialists, but the Protestants themselves, gave them up as lost. The emperor had not less than two hundred thousand men, in several armies, on foot, who most of them were on the back of the Protestants in every corner.

If Tilly did but write a threatening letter to any city or prince of the union, they presently submitted, renounced the conclusions of Leipzig, and received Imperial garrisons, as the cities of Ulm and Memmingen, the duchy of Wirtemberg, and several others.

Only the duke of Saxony and the landgrave of Hesse, upheld the drooping courage of the Protestants, and refused all terms of peace — slighted all the threatenings of the Imperial generals — and the duke of Brandenburg was brought in afterwards almost by force.

The duke of Saxony mustered his forces under the walls of Leipzig, and I, having returned to the city two days before, saw them pass in review.

The duke, gallantly mounted, rode through the ranks, attended by his field marshal Arnheim, and seemed mighty well pleased with them; and indeed the troops made a very fine appearance; but I that

had seen Tilly's army, and his old weather-beaten foldiers, whose discipline and exercises were so exact, and their courage so often tried, could not look on the Saxon army without some concern for them, when I considered who they had to deal with.

Tilly's men were rugged, surly fellows; their faces had an air of hardy courage, mangled with wounds and scars; their armour shewed the bruises of musquet bullets, and the rust of the winter storms. I observed of them their clothes were always dirty, but their arms were clean and bright: they were used to camp in the open fields, and sleep in the frosts and rain; their horses were strong and hardy like themselves, and well taught their exercises.

The soldiers knew their business so exactly, that general orders were enough: every private man was fit to command, and their wheelings, marchings, counter-marchings, and exercises, were done with such order and readiness, that the distinct words of command were hardly of any use among them: they were flushed with victory, and scarce knew what it was to fly.

There had passed some messages between Tilly and the duke, and he gave always such ambiguous answers as he thought might serve to gain time; but Tilly was not to be put off with words, and drawing his army towards Saxony, sends four pro-

positions to him to sign, and demands an immediate reply—the propositions were positive.

1. To cause his troops to enter into the emperor's service, and to march in person with them against the king of Sweden.

2. To give the Imperial army quarters in his country, and supply them with necessary provisions.

3. To relinquish the union of Leipfic, and disown the ten conclusions.

4. To make restitution of the goods and lands of the church.

The duke being pressed by Tilly's trumpeter for an immediate answer, sat all night and part of the next day in council with his privy counsellors, debating what reply to give him; which at last was concluded, in short, that he would live and die in defence of the Protestant religion and the conclusions of Leipfic, and bade Tilly defiance.

The dye being thus cast, he immediately decamped with his whole army for Torgaw, fearing that Tilly should get there before him, and so prevent his conjunction with the Swede. The duke had not yet concluded any positive treaty with the king of Sweden, and the duke of Brandenburg having made some difficulty of joining, they both stood on some niceties till they had like to have ruined themselves.

Brandenburg had given up the town of Spandau •

to the king by a former treaty, to secure a retreat for his army, and the king was advanced as far as Frankfort upon the Oder, when, on a sudden, some small difficulties arising, Brandenburg seemed cold in the matter, and with a sort of indifference demanded to have his town of Spandau restored to him again.

Gustavus Adolphus, who began presently to imagine the duke had made his peace with the emperor, and so would either be his enemy, or pretend a neutrality, generously delivered him his town of Spandau; but immediately turned about, and with his whole army besieged him in his capital city of Berlin.

This brought the duke to know his error; and by the interposition of the ladies, the queen of Sweden being the duke's sister, the matter was accommodated, and the duke joined his forces with the king.

But the duke of Saxony had like to have been undone by this delay; for the Imperialists, under count de Furstenburg, were entered his country, and had possessed themselves of Hall, and count Tilly was on his march to join him, as he afterwards did, and, ravaging the whole country, laid siege to Leipzig. The duke, driven to this extremity, rather flew to the Swede than treated with him, and on the 2d of September the duke's army joined with the king of Sweden.

I had not come to Leipzig but to see the duke of Saxony's army, and that being marched, as I have said, for Torgaw, I had no business there; but if I had, the approach of Tilly and the Imperial army was enough to hasten me away, for I had no occasion to be besieged there.

Accordingly, on the 27th of August, I left the town, as several of the principal inhabitants had done before, and more would have done it had not the governor published a proclamation against it; and besides they knew not whither to fly, for all places were alike exposed — the poor people were under dreadful apprehensions of a siege, and of the merciless usage of the Imperial soldiers, the example of Magdenburg being fresh before them, the duke and his army gone from them, and the town, though well furnished, but indifferently fortified.

In this condition I left them, buying up stores of provisions, working hard to scour their moats, set up palisades, repair their fortifications, and preparing all things for a siege; and following the Saxon army to Torgaw, I continued in the camp till a few days before they joined the king of Sweden.

I had much ado to persuade my companion from entering into the service of the duke of Saxony, one of whose colonels, with whom we had contracted a particular acquaintance, offering him a

commission to be cornet in one of the old régiments of horse.

But the difference I had observed between this new army and Tilly's old troops had made such an impression on me, that I confess I had yet no manner of inclination for the service, and therefore persuaded him to wait a while till we had seen a little farther into affairs, and particularly till we had seen the Swedish army, which we had heard so much of.

The difficulties which the elector duke of Saxony made of joining with the king of Sweden were made up by a treaty concluded with the king on the 2d of September, at Coswig, a small town on the Elbe, whither the king's army was arrived the night before; for general Tilly being now entered into the duke's country, had plundered and ruined all the lower part of it, and was now besieging the capital city of Leipfic.

These necessities made almost any conditions easy to him; the greatest difficulty was, that the king of Sweden demanded the absolute command of the army, which the duke submitted to with less good will than he had reason to do, the king's experience and conduct considered.

I had not patience to attend the conclusions of their particular treaties; but as soon as ever the passage was clear I quitted the Saxon camp, and

went to see the Swedish army. I fell in with the out-guards of the Swedes at a little town called Belzig, on the river Werfa, just as they were relieving the guards, and going to march, and, having a pass from the English ambassador, was very well received by the officer who changed the guards, and with him I went back into the army. By nine in the morning the army was in full march, the king himself at the head of them, on a gray pad, and, riding from one brigade to another, ordered the march of every line himself.

When I saw the Swedish troops, their exact discipline, their order, the modesty and familiarity of their officers, and the regular living of the soldiers, their camp seemed a well-ordered city: the meanest countrywoman with her market ware was as safe from violence as in the streets of Vienna.

There were no regiments of lewd women in rags, such as followed the Imperialists; nor any women in the camp but such as were known to the provosts to be the wives of the soldiers, who were necessary for washing linen, taking care of the soldiers' clothes, and dressing their victuals.

The soldiers were well clad, not gay, furnished with excellent arms, and exceeding careful of them; and though they did not seem so terrible as I thought Tilly's men did when I first saw them, yet the figure they made, together with what we

had heard of them, made them seem to me invincible.

The discipline and order of their marchings, camping, and exercise, was excellent and singular, and which was to be seen in no armies but the king's, his own skill, judgement, and vigilance, having added much to the general conduct of armies then in use.

As I met the Swedes on their march, I had no opportunity to acquaint myself with any body until after the conjunction of the Saxon army, and then it being but four days to the great battle of Leipzig, our acquaintance was but small, saving what fell out accidentally by conversation.

I met with several gentlemen in the king's army who spoke English extremely well; besides that, there were three regiments of Scots in the army, the colonels whereof I found were extraordinarily esteemed by Gustavus, as the lord Rea, colonel Lumfden, and Sir John Hepburn: the latter of these, after I had, by an accident, become acquainted with, I found had been for many years intimate with my father, and on that account I received a great deal of civility from him, which afterwards grew into a kind of familiar friendship; he was a complete soldier indeed, and for that reason so well beloved by that gallant king, who was ever a rewarder of merit,

It was impossible for me now to restrain my young comrade from entering into the Swedish service, and indeed every thing was so inviting that I could not blame him.

A captain in Sir John Hepburn's regiment had picked acquaintance with him, and he having as much gallantry in his face as real courage in his heart, the captain had persuaded him to take service, and promised to use his interest to get him a company in the Scotch brigade.

I had made him promise me not to part from me in my travels without my consent, which was the only obstacle to his desires of entering into the Swedish pay; and being one evening in the captain's tent with him, and discoursing very freely together, the captain asked him very short, but friendly, and looking earnestly at me, "Is this the gentleman, Mr. Fielding, that has done so much prejudice to the king of Sweden's service?"

I was doubly surprised at the expression, and at the colonel, Sir John Hepburn, coming at that very moment into the tent. The colonel hearing something of the question, but knowing nothing of the reason of it, any more than as I seemed a little to concern myself at it, yet, after the ceremony due to his character was over, would needs know what I had done to hinder his majesty's service.

"So much truly," says the captain, "that if

“ his majesty knew it, he would think himself
“ very little beholden to him.”

“ I am sorry, Sir,” said I, “ that I should offend in any thing, who am but a stranger; but
“ if you will please to inform me, I will endeavour
“ to alter any thing in my behaviour that is prejudicial to any one, much more to his majesty’s service.”

“ I shall take you at your word, Sir,” says the captain: “ the king of Sweden, Sir, has a particular request to you.”

“ I should be glad to know two things, Sir,” I replied: “ first, how that can be possible, since I
“ am not known yet to any man in the army, much less to his majesty? and, secondly, what the request can be?”

“ Why, Sir, his majesty requests you would not
“ hinder this gentleman from entering into his service, who, it seems, desires nothing more, if
“ he may have your consent to it.”

“ I have too much honour for his majesty,” returned I, “ to deny any thing which he pleases to
“ command me; but methinks it is some hardship you should make that the king’s order
“ which it is very probable he knows nothing
“ of.”

Here Sir John Hepburn took the case up something gravely, and, drinking a glass of Leipzig beer, said to the captain, “ Come, captain, don’t press

“ these gentlemen : the king desires no man's service but what is purely volunteer.”— Upon this we entered into other discourse ; and the colonel perceiving by my talk that I had seen Tilly's army, was mighty curious in his questions, and seemed very well satisfied with the account I gave him.

The next day, the army having passed the Elbe at Wittenburg, and joined the Saxon army near Torgaw, his majesty caused both armies to draw up in battalia, giving every brigade the same post in the lines as he purposed to fight in.

I must do the memory of that glorious general this honour, that I never saw an army drawn up with so much variety, order, and exact regularity since, though I have seen many armies drawn up by some of the greatest captains of the age—the order by which his men were directed to flank and relieve one another, the methods of receiving one body of men if disordered into another, and rallying one squadron without disordering another, was so admirable ; the horse every where flanked, lined, and defended by the foot, and the foot by the horse, and both by the cannon, was such, that if those orders were but as punctually obeyed, it were almost impossible to put an army so modelled into any confusion.

The view being over, and the troops returned to their camps, the captain, with whom we drank the day before, meeting me, told me I must come

and sup with him in his tent, where he would ask my pardon for the affront he gave me before.

I replied he needed not put himself to the trouble, as I was not in the least affronted; that I would do myself the honour to wait on him, provided he would give me his word not to speak any more of it as an affront.

We had not been a quarter of an hour in his tent but Sir John Hepburn came in again, and, addressing me, said, he was glad to find me there; that he came to the captain's tent to inquire how to send to me; and that I must do him the honour to go with him to wait on the king, who had a desire to hear the account I could give him of the Imperial army from my own mouth.

I must confess I was at some loss in my mind how to make my address to his majesty; but I had heard so much of the conversible temper of the king, and his particular sweetness of humour with the meanest soldier, that I made no more difficulty, but having paid my respects to colonel Hepburn, thanked him for the honour he had done me, and offered to rise and wait upon him.

"Nay," says the colonel, "we will eat first, for I find Gourdon," meaning the captain, "has got something for supper, and the king's order is at seven o'clock."—Sir John, becoming very friendly, inquired my name; which when I had told him, and of what place and family, he

safe from his seat, and, embracing me, said, he knew my father, and had been intimately acquainted with him; and told me several passages wherein my father had particularly obliged him.

After this we went to supper, and the king's health being drank round, the colonel moved the sooner, because he had a mind to talk with me. When we were going to the king, he inquired where I had been, and what occasion brought me to the army.

I told him the short history of my travels, and that I came hither from Vienna on purpose to see the king of Sweden and his army. He asked me if there was any service he could do me, by which he meant, whether I desired an employment. I pretended not to take it so; but told him the protection his acquaintance would afford me was more than I could have asked, since I might thereby have an opportunity to satisfy my curiosity, which was the chief end of my coming abroad.

He, perceiving by this that I had no mind to be a soldier, told me very kindly I should command him in any thing; that his tent and equipage, horses, and servants, should always have orders to be at my service: but that, as a piece of friendship, he would advise me to retire to some place distant from the army, for that the army would march to-morrow, and the king was resolved to fight general Tilly, and he would not have me

hazard myself; that if I thought fit to follow his advice, he would have me take that interval to see the court at Berlin, whither he would send one of his servants to wait on me.

His discourse was too kind not to extort the tenderest acknowledgement from me that I was capable of. I told him his care of me was so obliging, that I knew not what return to make him; but if he pleased to leave me to my choice, I desired no greater favour than to trail a pike under his command in the ensuing battle.

"I can never answer it to your father, young gentleman," he said, "to suffer you to expose yourself so far."

I replied, my father would certainly acknowledge his friendship in the proposal made me; but I believed he knew him better than to think he would be well pleased with me if I should accept of it; that I was sure my father would have rode post five hundred miles to have been at such a battle under such a general, and it should never be told him that his son had rode fifty miles to be out of it.

He seemed to be something concerned at the resolution I had taken, and replied very quickly upon me, that he approved of my courage: "But," added he, "no man gets any credit by running upon needless adventures, nor loses any by shunning hazards, which he has no order for. It is

“ sufficient for a gentleman to behave well when he
“ is commanded upon any service : I have had
“ fighting enough upon these points of honour,
“ and I never got any thing but reproof for it
“ from the king himself.”

“ However, Sir,” I replied, “ if a man expects
“ to rise by his valour, he must shew it some-
“ where ; and if I were to have any command in
“ an army, I would first try whether I could de-
“ serve it : I have never yet seen any service, and
“ must have my induction some time or other : I
“ shall never have a better master than yourself,
“ nor a better school than such an army.”

“ Well, but you may have the same school,
“ and the same teaching, after this battle is over ;
“ for I tell you beforehand this will be a severe
“ conflict—Tilly has a great army of old lads that
“ are used to boxing — fellows with iron faces —
“ and it is a little too much to engage so hotly the
“ first entrance into the wars.

“ You may see our discipline this winter, and
“ make your campaign with us next summer, when
“ you need not fear but we shall have fighting
“ enough, and you will be better acquainted with
“ things : we never put our new men upon pitched
“ battles the first campaign, but place them in gar-
“ risons, and try them in parties first.”

“ Sir,” said I, with a little more freedom, “ I
“ believe I shall not make a trade of the war, and

“ therefore need not serve an apprenticeship to it :
“ it is a hard battle where none escape. If I come
“ off, I hope I shall not disgrace you ; and if not,
“ it will be some satisfaction to my father to hear
“ his son died fighting, under the command of
“ Sir John Hepburn, in the army of the king of
“ Sweden ; and I desire no better epitaph upon
“ my tomb.”

“ You are right,” said Sir John ; and by this time we were just come to the king’s quarters, and the guards calling to us, interrupted his farther reply ; so we went into the court yard where the king lodged, which was an indifferent house of one of the burghers of Debien, and Sir John going up, met the king coming down some steps into a large room which looked over the town wall into a field where part of the artillery was drawn up. Sir John Hepburn sent his man presently to me to come ; and Sir John, without any ceremony, conducted me directly to the king, who was then leaning on his elbow in the window : the king turning about, “ This is the English gentleman,” said Sir John, “ who I told your majesty had been in the
“ Imperial army.”

“ How then did he get hither,” said the king,
“ without being taken by the scouts ? ”

“ By a pass, and please your majesty, from the
“ English ambassador’s secretary at Vienna,” said I, making a profound reverence.

"Have you then been at Vienna?" said the king.

"Yes, and please your majesty."—Upon which the king, folding up a letter he had in his hand, seemed much more earnest to talk about Vienna than about Tilly.

"And pray what news had you at Vienna?"

"Nothing, Sir, but daily accounts, one on the neck of another, of their own misfortunes, and your majesty's conquests, which make a very melancholy court there."

"But pray," said the king, "what is the common opinion there about these affairs?"

"The common people are terrified to the last degree, Sir; and when your majesty took Frankfurt on the Oder, if your army had marched but twenty miles into Silesia, half the people would have run out of Vienna; and I left them fortifying the city."

"They need not," replied the king, smiling; "I have no design to trouble them—it is the Protestant countries I must be for."—Upon this the duke of Saxony entered the room, and, finding the king engaged, offered to retire; but the king, beckoning with his hand, called to him in French: "Cousin," said the king, "this gentleman has been travelling, and comes from Vienna;" and so made me repeat what I had said before: at which the king went on with me, and Sir John Hepburn

informing his majesty that I spoke High Dutch, he changed his language, and asked me in Dutch where it was that I saw general Tilly's army? I told his majesty at the siege of Magdenburg.

"At Magdenburg!" said the king, shaking his head: "Tilly must answer to me one day for that city; and if not to me, to a greater king than I. Can you guess what army he had with him?"

"He had two armies with him," said I; "but one I suppose will do your majesty no harm."

"Two armies!" rejoined the king.

"Yes, Sir; he has one army of about twenty-fix thousand men, and another of above fifteen thousand whores and their attendants;" at which the king laughed heartily.

"Ay, ay," said the king; "those women do us as much harm as the army; for they eat up the country, and devour the poor Protestants more than the men. And," added the king, "do they talk of fighting us?"

"They talk big enough, Sir; but your majesty has not been so often fought with as beaten in their discourse."

"I know not for the men," said the king; "but the old man is as likely to do it as talk of it, and I hope to try them in a day or two."—The king inquired, after that, several matters of me about the Low Countries, the prince of Orange,

and of the court and affairs in England; and Sir John Hepburn informing his majesty that I was the son of an English gentleman of his acquaintance, the king had the goodness to ask him what care he had taken of me against the day of battle.

Upon which Sir John repeated to him the discourse we had together by the way: the king seeming particularly pleased with it, began to take me to task himself.

"You English gentlemen," said he, "are too forward in the wars, which makes you leave them too soon again."

"Your majesty," replied I, "makes war in so pleasant a manner, as causes all the world to be fond of fighting under your conduct."

"Not so pleasant neither," said the king: "here's a man can tell you that sometimes 'tis not very pleasant."

"I know not much of the warrior, Sir," I replied, "nor of the world; but if always to conquer be the pleasure of the war, your majesty's soldiers have all that can be desired."

"Well," returned the king, "but, however, considering all things, I think you would do well to take the advice Sir John Hepburn has given you."

"Your majesty may command me to any thing; but where your majesty and so many gallant gentlemen hazard their lives, mine is not worth

“ mentioning : and I should not dare to tell my father, at my return into England, that I was in your majesty’s army, and made so mean a figure, that your majesty would not permit me to fight under your royal standard.”

“ Nay,” replied the king, “ I lay no commands upon you ; but you are young.”

“ I can never die, Sir, with more honour than in your majesty’s service.” — I spoke this with so much freedom, and his majesty was so pleased with it, that he asked me how I would chuse to serve, on horseback or on foot ?

I replied, “ I should be glad to receive any of your majesty’s commands ; but if I have not that honour, I had purposed to trail a pike under Sir John Hepburn, who has done me so much honour as to introduce me into your majesty’s presence.”

“ Do so, then,” replied the king, and, turning to Sir John Hepburn, said, “ and pray do you take care of him :” at which, being overcome with the kindness of his discourse, I made him a profound reverence, and retired.

The next day but one, being the 7th of September, before day the army marched from Dieben to a large field about a mile from Leipfic, where we found count Tilly’s army in full battalia, in admirable order, which made a show both glorious and terrible.

Tilly, like a fair gamester, had taken up but one side of the plain, and left the other free, and all the avenues open for the king's army; nor did he stir to the charge till the king's army was completely drawn up, and advanced towards him. He had in his army forty-four thousand old soldiers, every way answerable to what I have said of them before; and I shall only add, a better army I believe never was so soundly beaten.

The king was not much inferior in force, being joined with the Saxons, who were reckoned twenty-two thousand men, and who drew up on the left, making a main battle and two wings, as the king did on the right.

The king placed himself at the right wing of his own horse; Gustavus Horne had the main battle of the Swedes; the duke of Saxony had the main battle of his own troops, and general Arnheim the right wing of his horse.

The second line of the Swedes consisted of the two Scotch brigades and three Swedish, with the Finland horse in the wings.

In the beginning of the fight Tilly's right wing charged with such irresistible fury upon the left of the king's army where the Saxons were posted, that nothing could withstand them: the Saxons fled again, and some of them carried the news over the country that all was lost, and the king's army overthrown; and indeed it passed for an

oversight with some, that the king did not place some of his old troops among the Saxons, who were new-raised men. The Saxons lost here near two thousand men, and hardly ever shewed their faces again all the battle, except some few of their horse.

I was posted with my comrade, captain Fielding, at the head of three Scottish regiments of foot, commanded by Sir John Hepburn, with express directions from the colonel to keep by him.

Our post was in the second line, as a reserve to the king of Sweden's main battle, and which was strange, the main battle, which consisted of four great brigades of foot, were never charged during the whole fight, and yet we, who had the reserve, were obliged to endure the whole weight of the Imperial army.

The occasion was, the right wing of the Imperialists having defeated the Saxons, and being eager in the chase, count Tilly, who was an old soldier, and ready to prevent all mistakes, forbade any pursuit — "Let them go," said he; "but let us beat the Swedes, or we do nothing."

Upon this the victorious troops fell in upon the flank of the king's army, which, the Saxons being fled, lay open to them; Gustavus Horne commanded the left wing of the Swedes, and, having first defeated some regiments which charged him, fell in upon the rear of the Imperial right wing,

and separated them from the van, who were advanced a great way forward in pursuit of the Saxons; and having routed the said rear or reserve, fell in upon Tilly's main body, and defeated part of them, the other part being then gone in chace of the Saxons, but now returned, fell in upon the rear of the left wing of the Swedes, charging them in the flank, for they drew up upon the very ground which the Saxons had quitted.

This changed the whole front, and made the Swedes face about to the left, and made a great front on their flank to make this good: our brigades, who were placed as a reserve for the main battle, were, by special order from the king, wheeled about to the left, and placed for the right of this new front to charge the Imperialists: they were about twelve thousand of their best foot, besides horse, and, flushed with the execution of the Saxons, fell on like furies.

The king by this time had almost defeated the Imperialists' left wing: their horse, with more haste than good speed, had charged faster than their foot could follow, and having broke into the king's first line, he let them go; where, while the second line bore the shock, and bravely resisted them, the king followed them on the crupper with thirteen troops of horse and some musqueteers, by which being hemmed in, they were all cut down in a

moment, as it were, and the army never disordered with them.

This fatal blow to the left wing gave the king more leisure to defeat the foot which followed, and to send some assistance to Gustavus Horne in his left wing, who had his hands full with the main battle of the Imperialists.

But those troops who, as I said, had routed the Saxons being called off from the pursuit, had charged our flank, and were now grown very strong, renewed the battle in a terrible manner.

Here it was I saw our men go to rack. Colonel Hall, a brave soldier, commanded the rear of the Swedes left wing: he fought like a lion, but was slain, and most of his regiment cut off, though not unrevenged, for they entirely ruined Furstenburg's regiment of foot. Colonel Cullembach, with his regiment of horse, was extremely overlaid also, and the colonel and many brave officers killed, and, in short, all that wing was shattered, and in an ill condition.

In this juncture came the king, and having seen what havoc the enemy made of Cullembach's troops, he came riding along the front of our three brigades, and himself led us on to the charge. The colonel of his guards, the baron Dyvel, was shot dead just as the king had given him some orders.

When the Scots advanced, seconded by some

regiments of horse, which the king also sent to the charge, the bloodiest fight began that ever man beheld; for the Scottish brigades giving fire three ranks at a time, over one another's heads, poured in their shot so thick, that the enemy were cut down like grass before a scythe; and following into the thickest of their foot, with the clubs of their musquets made a most dreadful slaughter, and yet there was no flying—Tilly's men might be killed and knocked down, but no man turned his back, nor would give an inch of ground, but as they were wheeled, or marched, or retreated by their officers.

There was a regiment of horse which stood whole to the last, and fought like lions: they went ranging over the field when all their army was broken, and nobody cared for charging them: they were commanded by baron Cronenburg, and at last went off from the battle whole. These were armed in black armour from head to foot, and they carried off their general.

About six o'clock the field was cleared of the enemy, except at one place on the king's side, where some of them rallied, and, though they knew all was lost, would take no quarter, but fought it out to the last man, being found dead the next day in rank and file, as they were drawn up.

I had the good fortune to receive no hurt in this battle, excepting a small scratch on the side of my

neck by the push of a pike; but my friend received a very dangerous wound when the battle was as good as over.

He had engaged with a German colonel, whose name we could never learn; and having killed his man, and pressed very close upon him so that he had shot his horse, the horse in the fall kept the colonel down, lying on one of his legs; upon which he demanded quarter, which captain Fielding granting, helped him to quit his horse, and, having disarmed him, was bringing him into the line, when the regiment of horse, which I mentioned, commanded by baron Cronenburg, came roving over the field, and with a flying charge saluted our front with a salvo of carabin shot, which wounded us a great many men, and, among the rest, captain Fielding received a shot in his thigh, which laid him on the ground, and, being separated from the line, his prisoner got away with them.

This was the first service I was in, and indeed I never saw any fight since maintained with such gallantry, such desperate valour, together with such dexterity of management, both sides being composed of soldiers fully tried, bred to the wars, expert in every thing, exact in their order, and incapable of fear, which made the battle be much more bloody than usual.

Sir John Hepburn, at my request, took particular care of my comrade, and sent his own sur-

geons to look after him; and afterwards, when the city of Leipzig was retaken, provided him lodgings there, and came very often to see him; and indeed I was in great care for him too, the surgeons being very doubtful of him a great while: for having lain in the field all night among the slain, his wound, for want of dressing, and with the extremity of cold, was in a very ill condition, and the pain of it had thrown him into a fever.

It was quite dusk before the fight ended, especially where the last-rallied troops fought so long, and therefore we durst not break our order to seek out our friends; so that it was near seven o'clock the next morning before we found captain Fielding, who, though very weak by the loss of blood, had raised himself up, and placed his back against the buttock of a dead horse.

I was the first that knew him, and, running to him, embraced him with a great deal of joy: he was not able to speak, but made signs to let me see he knew me; so we brought him into the camp, and Sir John Hepburn, as I noted before, sent his own surgeons to look after him.

The darkness of the night prevented any pursuit, and was the only refuge the enemy had left; for had there been three hours more daylight, ten thousand more lives had been lost, for the Swedes, and Saxons especially, enraged by the obstinacy of

the enemy, were so thoroughly heated, that they would have given quarter but to few.

The retreat was not sounded until seven o'clock, when the king drew up the whole army upon the field of battle, and gave strict command that none should stir from their order; so the army lay under their arms all night, which was another reason why the wounded soldiers suffered very much by the cold: for the king, who had a bold enemy to deal with, was not ignorant what a small body of desperate men rallied together might have done in the darkness of the night, and therefore he lay in his coach at the head of the line, though it froze very hard.

As soon as the day began to peep the trumpets sounded to horse, and all the dragoons and light horse in the army were commanded to the pursuit: the cuirassiers and some commanded musqueteers advanced some miles to make good their retreat, and all the foot stood to their arms for a reserve.

But in half an hour word was brought to the king that the enemy was quite dispersed; upon which detachments were made out of every regiment to search among the dead for any of our friends that were wounded; and the king himself gave a strict order, that if any were found wounded and alive among the enemy, none should kill them, but take care to bring them into the camp—a piece

of humanity which saved the lives of near a thousand of the enemy.

This piece of service being over, the enemy's camp was seized upon, and the soldiers were permitted to plunder it: all the cannon, arms, and ammunition, was secured for the king's use; the rest was given up to the soldiers, who found so much plunder, that they had no reason to quarrel for shares.

For my part, I was so busy with my wounded captain, that I got nothing but a sword, which I found just by him when I first saw him; but my man brought me a very good horse with a furniture on him, and one pistol of extraordinary workmanship.

I bade him get upon his back and make the best of the day for himself, which he did, and I saw him no more till three days after, when he found me out at Leipzig, but was so richly dressed that I hardly knew him; and, after making his excuse for his long absence, gave me a very pleasant account where he had been.

He told me, that, according to my order, being mounted on the horse he had brought me, he first rode into the field among the dead to get some clothes suitable to the equipage of his horse; and having seized on a laced coat, a helmet, a sword, and an extraordinary good cane, was resolved to see what was become of the enemy, and following

the track of the dragoons, which he could easily do by the bodies on the road, he fell in with a small party of twenty-five dragoons, under no command but a corporal, making to a village where some of the enemy's horse had been quartered. The dragoons, taking him for an officer by his horse, desired him to command them : they said the enemy was very rich, and they doubted not a good booty. He was a bold, brisk fellow, and told them with all his heart ; but said he had but one pistol, the other being broke with firing ; so they lent him a pair, and a small piece they had taken, and he led them on.

There had been a regiment of horse and some troops of Crabats in the village, but they were fled on the first notice of the pursuit, excepting three troops, and those, on sight of this small party, supposing them to be only the first of a greater number, fled in the utmost confusion imaginable : they took the village and about fifty horses, with all the plunder of the enemy, and with the heat of the service, he said, he had spoiled my horse, for which he had brought me two more ; for he, passing for the commander of the party, had all the advantage the custom of war gives an officer in like cases.

I was very well pleased with the relation the fellow gave me, and laughing at him, " Well, captain," said I, " and what plunder have you got ?"

“ Enough, Sir, to make me a captain, if you please, and a troop ready raised too ; for the party of dragoons are posted in the village, by my command, until they have farther orders.”

In short, he pulled out many pieces of gold, also watches, and rings, whereof two were diamond rings, one of which was worth fifty dollars ; silver, as much as his pockets would hold : besides those, he had brought three horses, two of which were laden with baggage, and a clown he had hired to stay with them at Leipzig till he had found me out.

“ I am afraid, captain, you have plundered the village, instead of plundering the enemy.”

“ No, indeed, not we, Sir ; but the Crabats had done it for us, and we came up to them just as they were carrying it off.”

“ Well, George, but what will you do with your men ; for when you come to give them orders, they will know you well enough ?”

“ No, no, Sir, I took care of that ; for just now I gave a soldier five dollars to carry them news that the army was marched to Moersburg, and that they should follow thither to the regiment.”

Having secured his money in my lodgings, he asked me if I pleased to see his horses, and to have one for myself ? — I told him I would go and see them in the afternoon ; but the fellow, being im-

patient, went and brought them. There were three horses, one whereof was a very good one; and, by the furniture, was an officer's horse of the Crabats, and that my man would have me accept; as he said, for the other he had spoiled.

I was but indifferently mounted before, so I accepted of the horse, and went down with him to see the rest of his plunder: he had got three or four pair of pistols, two or three bundles of officer's linen and lace, a field bed and a tent, with several other things of value; but at last coming to a small parcel, "This," says he, "I took from a Crabat running away with it under his arm;" so he brought it up into my chamber. He had not looked into it, he said, but he understood it was some plunder the soldiers had made, and finding it heavy, took it by consent: we opened it, and found it was a bundle of some linen, with several pieces of plate, and in a small cup three rings, a fine necklace of pearl, and one hundred rix-dollars in money.

The fellow was amazed at his good fortune, and hardly knew what to do with himself: I therefore bade him go take care of his other things; so he went and discharged the clown that waited, and packed up all his plunder, and came up to me in his old clothes again.

"How now, captain," says I, "what have you altered your equipage already?"

“ I am no more ashamed, Sir, of your livery
“ than of your service, and am nevertheless your
“ servant, notwithstanding what I have got by
“ it.”

“ Well, George, but what will you do now
“ with all your money ?”

“ I wish my poor father had some of it, and
“ for the rest I got it for you, Sir, and desire you
“ will please to accept of it.”

He spoke it with so much honesty and freedom,
that I could not but take it very kindly ; but,
however, I told him I would not have a farthing
from him, as his master, but I would have him
play the good husband with it, now he had such
good fortune to get it.

He replied, “ Sir, I will follow your directions
“ in every thing.”

“ Why then, George, I will tell you what I
“ would advise you to do — turn it all into ready
“ money, and convey it by return home into Eng-
“ land, and follow yourself the first opportunity,
“ and with good management you may put yourself
“ in a way of living with it.”

The fellow, with a sort of dejection in his looks,
asked me if he had disoblighed me in any thing,
that I was so willing to turn him out of his ser-
vice ?

“ No, George ; but you may live on this mo-
“ ney without being a servant.”

“ I would throw it all into the Elbe, Sir, over
“ Torgaw bridge, rather than leave your service ;
“ and besides, Sir, cannot I save my money with-
“ out going from you ? I got it in your service,
“ and I never will spend it out of your service,
“ unless you put me away. I hope my money
“ will not make me the worse servant ; if I
“ thought it would, I would soon have little
“ enough.”

“ Nay, George, I shall not oblige you to it,
“ for I am not willing to lose you neither : come,
“ then, let us put it all together, and see what it
“ will come to.”

He then laid it together on the table, and by our computation he had got as much plunder as was worth about fourteen hundred rix-dollars, besides three horses with their furniture, a tent, a bed, and some wearing linen. Then he took the necklace of pearl, a very good watch, a diamond ring, and one hundred pieces of gold, and laid them by themselves, and having, according to our calculation, valued the things, he put up all the rest, and, as I was going to ask him what they were left out for, he took them up in his hand, and, coming round the table, said, that if I did not think him unworthy of my service and favour, he begged I would give him leave to make that present to me ; that his going out was my first thought ; that he

had got it all in my service, and he should think I had no kindness for him if I should refuse it.

I was resolved in my mind not to take it from him, and yet I could find no means to resist his importunity.

At last I told him I would accept of part of his present, and I esteemed his respect in that as much as the whole, and I would not have him importune me farther; so I took the ring and watch, with the horse and furniture, and made him turn all the rest into money at Leipzig, not suffering him to wear his livery, and taking a young Leipziger into my service, he attended me as a gentleman from that time forward.

The king's army never entered Leipzig, but proceeded to Moresburg, and from thence to Hall, and so marched on into Franconia, while the duke of Saxony employed his forces in recovering Leipzig, and in driving the Imperialists out of his country.

I continued at Leipzig twelve days, not being willing to leave my comrade until he was recovered; but Sir John Hepburn so often importuned me to come into the army, and sent me word that the king had frequently inquired for me, that at last I consented to go without him; and having made our appointment where to meet, and how to correspond by letters, I went to wait on Sir John

Hepburn, who then lay with the king's army at the city of Erfurt in Saxony.

As I was riding with my two servants between Leipzig and Hall, I observed my horse went very awkwardly and uneasy, and sweat very much, though the weather was cold, and we had rid very gently: I fancied, therefore, that the saddle might hurt the horse, and, calling to my new captain,

“ George,” said I, “ I believe this saddle hurts the horse;” so we alighted, and, looking under the saddle, found the back of the horse extremely galled: I then bade him take off the saddle, which he did, and, giving the horse to my young Leipficker to hold, we sat down to see if we could mend it, for there was no town near us.

Said George, pointing with his finger, “ If you please, Sir, to cut open the pannel there, I will get something to stuff into it which will bear it from the horse's back.”

While he was looking for something to thrust in, I cut a hole in the pannel of the saddle, and, following it with my finger, I felt something hard — “ Here's something, George, that should not be here;” and I bade him put up his finger.

“ Whatever, Sir, it is, 'tis this hurts the horse, for it bears just on his back when the saddle is set on.” We then strove to take hold of it, but

could not reach it : at last we took the upper part of the saddle quite from the pannel, and there lay a silk purse wrapped in a piece of leather.

"Thou art born to be rich, George — here's more money." We then opened the purse, and found in it four hundred and thirty-eight pieces of gold.

Here I had a new debate with him whose the money should be. I told him it was his; he said it was mine—I had accepted of the horse and furniture, and all that was about him was mine, and solemnly vowed he would not have a penny of it. I saw no remedy, but put up the money for the present, mended our saddle, and went on.

We lay that night at Hall, and having had such a booty in this saddle, I made him search the saddles of the other two horses, in one of which he found three French crowns, but nothing in the other.

We arrived at Erfurt the 28th of September; but the army was removed, and entered into Franconia, and at the siege of Koningshoven we came up with them. The first thing I did was to pay my compliments to Sir John Hepburn, who received me very kindly, but told me withal, I had not done well to be so long from him; that the king had particularly inquired for me — had commanded him to bring me to him at my return. I told him the reason of my stay at Leipzig, and how

I had left that place and my comrade, before he was cured of his wounds, to wait on him according to his letters.

He acquainted me the king had spoken some things very obligingly about me, and he believed would offer me some command in the army, if I thought well to accept of it. I told him I had promised my father not to take service in an army without his leave; and yet, if his majesty should offer it, I neither knew how to resist it, nor had I an inclination to any thing more than the service and such a leader; though I had much rather have served as a volunteer at my own charge, which he knew was the custom of our English gentlemen, than in any command.

He replied, "Do as you think fit; but some gentlemen would give twenty thousand crowns to stand so fair for advancement as you do."

The town of Koningshoven capitulated that day, and Sir John was ordered to treat with the citizens, so I had no farther discourse with him then; and the town being taken, the army immediately advanced down the river Main, for the king had his eye upon Frankfort and Mentz, two great cities, both which he soon became master of, chiefly by the prodigious expedition of his march, for within a month after the battle he was in the lower parts of the empire, and had passed from the Elbe to the Rhine, an incredible conquest; had taken all the

strong cities, the bishoprics of Bamberg, of Wurzburg, and almost all the circle of Franconia, with part of Schawberland — a conquest large enough to be seven years obtaining by the common course of arms.

Business going on thus, the king had not leisure to think of small matters, and I being not thoroughly resolved in my mind, did not press Sir John to introduce me. I had wrote to my father, with an account of my reception in the army, the civilities of Sir John Hepburn, the particulars of the battle, and had indeed pressed him to give me leave to serve the king of Sweden, to which particular I waited for an answer; but the following occasion determined me before an answer could possibly reach me.

The king was before the strong castle of Marienburg, which commands the city of Wurzburg: he had taken the city, but the garrison and richer part of the burghers were retired into the castle, and, trusting to the strength of the place, which was thought impregnable, they bade the Swedes do their worst. It was well provided with all things, and a strong garrison in it, so that the army indeed expected it would be a long piece of work.

The castle stood on a high rock, and on the steep of the rock was a bastion, which defended the only passage up the hill into the castle. The Scots were

chose out to make this attack, and the king was an eye-witness of their gallantry. In the action Sir John was not commanded out, but Sir James Ramfey led them on; and I observed that most of the Scotch officers in the other regiments prepared to serve as volunteers for the honour of their countrymen, and Sir John Hepburn led them on.

I was resolved to see this piece of service, and therefore joined myself to the volunteers. We were armed with partizans, and each man had two pistols at his belt—it was a piece of service that seemed perfectly desperate—the enemy's advantage of the hill, the precipice we were to mount, the height of the bastion, the resolute courage and number of the garrison, who, from a complete covert, made a terrible fire upon us, all joined to make the action hopeless; but the fury of the Scotch musqueteers was not to be abated by any difficulties: they mounted the hill, scaled the works like madmen, running upon the enemy's pikes, and after two hours desperate fight, in the midst of fire and smoke, took it by storm, and put all the garrison to the sword.

The volunteers did their part, and had their share of the loss too; for thirteen or fourteen were killed out of thirty-seven, besides the wounded, among whom I received a hurt more troublesome than dangerous, by a thrust of a halbert into my

arm, which proved a very painful wound, and it was a great while before I was thoroughly recovered.

The king received us as we drew off at the foot of the hill, calling the foldiers his brave Scots, and commending the officers by name. The next morning the castle was also taken by storm, and the greatest booty that ever was found in any one conquest in the whole war. The foldiers got here so much money, that they knew not what to do with it; and the plunder they got here and at the battle of Leipzig made them so unruly, that, had not the king been the best master of discipline in the world, they had never been kept in any reasonable bounds.

The king had taken notice of our small party of volunteers, and though I thought he had not seen me, yet he sent the next morning for Sir John Hepburn, and asked him if I were not come to the army?

“ Yes, Sir, he has been here two or three days.” And as he was forming an excuse for not having brought me to wait on his majesty, said the king, interrupting him, “ I wonder you would let him thrust himself into such a hot piece of service as storming the Port Graft. Pray let him know I saw him, and have a very good account of his behaviour.”

Sir John returned with this account to me, and

pressed me to pay my duty to his majesty the next morning; and accordingly, though I had but an ill night with the pain of my wound, I was with him at the levee in the castle.

I cannot but give some short account of the glory of that morning. The castle had been cleared of the dead bodies of the enemy; and what was not pillaged by the soldiers, was placed under a guard.

There was, first, a magazine of very good arms for twenty thousand foot, and four thousand horse; a very good train of artillery of eighteen pieces of battery, thirty-two brass field pieces, and four mortars.

The bishop's treasure, and other public monies not plundered by the soldiers, amounted to four hundred thousand florins in money; and the burghers of the town, in solemn procession, bare-headed, brought the king three tons of gold as a composition to exempt the city from plunder.

Here was also a stable of fine horses, which the king had the curiosity to go and see.

When the ceremony of the burghers was over, the king came down into the castle court, walked on the parade (where the great train of artillery was placed on their carriages) and round the walls, and gave orders for repairing the bastion that was stormed by the Scots; and as, at the entrance of the parade, Sir John Hepburn and I made our reverence

to the king, "Ho! Cavalier," said the king to me, "I am glad to see you," and so passed forward. I made my bow very low; but his majesty said no more at that time.

When the view was over, the king went up into the lodgings, and Sir John and I walked in an antichamber for about a quarter of an hour, when one of the gentlemen of the bedchamber came out to Sir John, and said the king asked for him. He staid but a little with the king, and came out to me, and told me the king had ordered him to bring me to him.

His majesty, with a countenance full of honour and goodness, interrupted my compliment, and asked me how I did; at which, answering only with a bow, said the king, "I am sorry to see you. "are hurt — I would have laid my commands on you not to have shewn yourself in so sharp a piece of service, if I had known you had been in the camp."

"Your majesty does me too much honour in your care of a life that has yet done nothing to deserve your favour."

His majesty was pleased to say something very kind to me relating to my behaviour in the battle of Leipzig, which I have not the vanity to write; at the conclusion whereof, when I replied, very humbly, that I was not sensible that any service I had done, or could do, could possibly merit so

much goodness, he told me he had ordered me a small testimony of his esteem, and gave me his hand to kiss.

I was now conquered, and with a sort of surprise told his majesty, I found myself so much engaged by his goodness, as well as my own inclination, that if his majesty would please to accept of my devoir, I was resolved to serve in his army, or wherever he pleased to command me.

"Serve me!" said the king, "why so you do; but I must not have you be a musqueteer — a poor soldier at a dollar a week will do that;" and added, "Pray, Sir John, give him what commission he desires."

"No commission, Sir, would please me better than leave to fight near your majesty's person, and to serve you at my own charge, till I am qualified by more experience to receive your commands."

"Why, then, it shall be so; and I charge you, Hepburn, when any thing offers that is either fit for him, or he desires, that you tell me of it;" and giving me his hand again to kiss, I withdrew.

I was followed, before I had passed the castle court, by one of the king's pages, who brought me a warrant directed to Sir John Hepburn, to go to the master of the horse for an immediate delivery of things ordered by the king himself for my

account, where being come, the equerry produced me a very good coach, with four horses, harness, and equipage, and two very fine saddle horses, out of the stable of the bishops' horses aforementioned; with these there was a list for three servants, and a warrant to the steward of the king's baggage to defray me, my horses, and servants, at the king's charge, till farther order.

I was very much at a loss how to manage myself in this so strange freedom of so great a prince; and consulting with Sir John Hepburn, I was proposing to him whether it was not proper to go immediately back to pay my duty to his majesty, and acknowledge his bounty in the best terms I could; but while we were resolving to do so, the guards stood to their arms, and we saw the king go out at the gate in his coach to pass into the city, so we were diverted from it for that time.

I acknowledge the bounty of the king was very surprising; but I must say it was not so very strange to me when I afterwards saw the course of his management — bounty in him was his natural talent; but he never distributed his favours but where he thought himself both loved and faithfully served, and when he was so, even the single actions of his private soldiers he would take particular notice of himself, and publicly own, acknowledge and reward them, of which I am obliged to give some instances.

A private musqueteer, at the storming the castle of Wurtemberg, when all the detachment was beaten off, stood in the face of the enemy, and fired his piece, and though he had a thousand shot made at him, stood unconcerned, and charged his piece again, and let fly at the enemy, continuing to do so thrice, at the same time beckoning with his hand to his fellows to come on again, which they did, animated by his example, and carried the place for the king.

When the town was taken, the king ordered the regiment to be drawn out, and calling for that soldier, thanked him before them all for taking the town for him, gave him a thousand dollars, and a commission with his own hand for a foot company, or leave to go home, which he would. The soldier took the commission on his knees, kissed it, and put it into his bosom, and told the king he would never leave his service as long as he lived.

This bounty of the king's, timed and suited by his judgement, was the reason that he was very well served, entirely beloved, and most punctually obeyed by his soldiers, who were sure to be cherished and encouraged if they did well, having the king generally an eye-witness of their behaviour.

My indiscretion, rather than valour, had engaged me so far at the battle of Leipzig, that, being in the van of Sir John Hepburn's brigade, almost three whole companies of us were separated from

our line, and furrounded by the enemy's pikes : I cannot but say also that we were disengaged rather by a desperate charge Sir John made with the whole regiment to fetch us off, than by our own valour, though we were not wanting to ourselves neither ; but this part of the action being talked of very much to the advantage of the young English volunteer, and possibly more than I deserved, was the occasion of all the distinction the king used me with ever after.

I had by this time letters from my father, in which, though with some reluctance, he left me at liberty to enter into arms if I thought fit, always obliging me to be directed, and, as he said, commanded by Sir John Hepburn : at the same time he wrote to Sir John, commending his son's fortunes, as he called it, to his care ; which letters Sir John shewed the king unknown to me.

I took care always to acquaint my father of every circumstance, and forgot not to mention his majesty's extraordinary favour, which so affected my father, that he obtained a very honourable mention of it in a letter from king Charles I. to the king of Sweden, written by his own hand.

I had waited on his majesty with Sir John Hepburn to give him thanks for his magnificent present, and was received with his usual goodness, and after that I was every day among the gentlemen of his ordinary attendance ; and if his majesty went

out on a party, as he would often do, or to view the country, I always attended him among the volunteers, of whom a great many always followed him, and he would often call me out, talk with me, send me upon messages to towns, to princes, free cities, &c., upon extraordinary occasions.

The first piece of service he put me upon had like to have embroiled me with one of his favourite colonels. The king was marching through the Bergstraet, a low country on the edge of the Rhine, and, as all men thought, was going to besiege Heidelberg; but on a sudden ordered a party of his guards, with five companies of Scots, to be drawn out. While they were drawing out this detachment the king called me to him, "Ho! Cavalier, you shall command this party;" and thereupon gave me orders to march back all night, and in the morning, by break of day, to take post under the walls of the fort of Oppenheim, and immediately to entrench myself as well as I could.

Grave Neels, the colonel of his guards, thought himself injured by this command; but the king took the matter upon himself, and Grave Neels told me very familiarly afterwards, "We have such a master, that no man can be affronted by: "I thought myself wronged, when you commanded my men over my head, and for my life "I knew not which way to be angry."

I executed my commission so punctually, that by

break of day I was set down within musquet-shot of the fort, under covert of a little mount, on which stood a windmill, and had indifferently fortified myself, and at the same time had posted some of my men on two other passes, but at farther distance from the fort, so that the fort was effectually blocked up on the land side. In the afternoon the enemy sallied on my first entrenchment; but being covered from their cannon, and defended by a ditch which I had drawn across the road, they were so well received by my musqueteers, that they retired with the loss of six or seven men.

The next day Sir John Hepburn was sent with two brigades of foot to carry on the work, and so my commission ended. The king expressed himself very well pleased with what I had done, and, when he was so, was never sparing of telling of it; for he used to say that public commendations were a great encouragement to valour.

While Sir John Hepburn lay before the fort, and was preparing to storm it, the king's design was to get over the Rhine; but the Spaniards which were in Oppenheim had sunk all the boats they could find: at last the king, being informed where some lay that were sunk, caused them to be weighed with all the expedition possible, and in the night of the 7th of December, in three boats, passed over his regiment of guards about three miles above the town, and, as the king thought, secure from dan-

ger; but they were no sooner landed, and not drawn into order, but they were charged by a body of Spanish horse, and had not the darkness given them opportunity to draw up in the enclosures, in several little parties, they had been in great danger of being disordered; but by this means they lined the hedges and lanes so with musqueteers, that the remainder had time to draw up in battalia, and saluted the horse with their musquets so, that they drew farther off.

The king was very impatient, hearing his men engaged, having no boats nor possible means to get over to help them: at last, about eleven o'clock at night, the boats came back, and the king thrust another regiment into them, and, though his officers dissuaded him, would go over himself with them, and did so.

This was three months that very day when the battle of Leipzig was fought, and winter time too, that the progress of his arms had spread from the Elbe, where it parts Saxony and Brandenburg, to the Lower Palatinate and the Rhine.

I went over in the boat with the king—I never saw him in so much concern in my life, for he was in pain for his men—but before we got on shore the Spaniards retired, and the king landed, ordered his men, and prepared to entrench; for now our boats were put off again, the Spaniards, not knowing more of our troops were landed, and

themselves being reinforced from Oppenheim, came on, and charged with great fury: all things were now in order, and they were readily received and beaten back. They came on the third time, and with repeated charges attacked us; but at last, finding us too strong for them, they ceased.

By this time another regiment of foot was come over; and as soon as day appeared, the king, with the three regiments, marched towards the town, which surrendered at the first summons, and the next day the fort yielded to Sir John Hepburn.

The castle at Oppenheim held out still with a garrison of eight hundred Spaniards, and the king, leaving two hundred Scots of Sir John Ramsay's men in the town, drew out to attack the castle: Sir John Ramsay being left wounded at Wurtzburg, the king gave me the command of those two hundred men, which were a regiment, that is to say, all that were left of a gallant regiment of two thousand Scots which the king brought out of Sweden with him under that brave colonel. There were about thirty officers who, having no soldiers, were yet in pay, and served as reformadoes with the regiment, and were over and above the two hundred men.

The king desired to storm the castle on the lower side, by the way that leads to Mentz, and Sir John Hepburn landed from the other side, and marched up to storm on the Rhine port.

My reformato Scots, having observed that the town port of the castle was not so well guarded as the rest, all the eyes of the garrison being bent towards the king and Sir John Hepburn, came running to me, and told me they believed they could enter the castle sword in hand, if I would give them leave.

I told them I durst not give them orders, my commission being only to keep and defend the town; but they being very importunate, I replied they were volunteers, and might do what they pleased; that I would lend them fifty men, and draw up the rest to second them, or bring them off, as I saw occasion, so as I might not hazard the town.

This was as much as they desired: they sallied immediately, and in a trice the volunteers scaled the port, cut in pieces the guard, and burst open the gate, at which the fifty entered. Finding the gate won, I advanced immediately with a hundred musqueteers more, having locked up all the gates of the town but the castle port, and leaving still fifty for a reserve just at that gate; the townsmen too, seeing the castle, as it were, taken, ran to arms, and followed me with above two hundred men. The Spaniards were knocked down by the Scots before they knew what the matter was, and the king and Sir John Hepburn, advancing to storm, were surprised when, instead of resistance,

they saw the Spaniards throwing themselves over the walls to avoid the fury of the Scots. Few of the garrison got away, but were either killed or taken; and having cleared the castle, I set open the port on the king's side, and sent his majesty word the castle was his own.

The king came on, and entered on foot: I received him at the head of the Scots reformadoes, who all saluted him with their pikes. The king gave them his hat, and turning about, "Brave Scots, brave Scots," said he, smiling, "you were too quick for me:" then beckoning to me, made me relate in what manner we had managed the storm, which he was exceedingly well pleased with, but especially at the caution I had used to bring them off if they had miscarried, and secure the town.

From hence the army marched to Mentz, which in four days capitulated, with the fort and citadel, and the city paid his majesty three hundred thousand dollars to be exempted from the fury of the soldiers. Here the king himself drew the plan of those invincible fortifications which to this day makes it one of the strongest cities in Germany.

Friburg, Koningstein, Neustadt, Keiser-Laute-ren, and almost all the Lower Palatinate, surrendered at the very terror of the king of Sweden's approach, and never suffered the danger of a siege.

The king held a most magnificent court at Mentz, attended by the landgrave of Hesse, with an incredible number of princes and lords of the empire, with ambassadors and residents of foreign princes; and here his majesty staid till March, when the queen, with a great retinue of Swedish nobility, came from Erfurt to see him. The king, attended by a gallant train of German nobility, went to Frankfort, and from thence on to Hoesf, to meet the queen, where her majesty arrived February 8th.

During the king's stay in these parts his armies were not idle: his troops, on one side, under the Rhinegrave, a brave and ever fortunate commander, and under the landgrave of Hesse on the other, ranged the country from Lorrain to Luxemburg, and passed the Moselle on the west, and the Weser on the north.

Nothing could stand before them. The Spanish army, which came to the relief of the Catholic electors, was every where defeated, and beaten quite out of the country, and the Lorrain army quite ruined. It was a most pleasant court sure as ever was seen, where every day expresses arrived of armies defeated, towns surrendered, contributions agreed upon, parties routed, prisoners taken, and princes sending ambassadors to sue for truces and neutralities, to make submissions and compositions, and to pay arrears and contributions.

Here arrived, February 10, the king of Bohemia from England, and with him my lord Craven, with a body of Dutch horse, and a very fine train of English volunteers, who immediately, without any stay, marched on to Hoefft to wait upon his majesty of Sweden, who received him with a great deal of civility, and was treated at a noble collation, by the king and queen, at Frankfort.

Never had the unfortunate king so fair a prospect of being restored to his inheritance of the Palatinate as at that time, and had king James, his father-in-law, had a soul answerable to the occasion, it had been effected before; but it was a strange thing to see him equipped from the English court with one lord and about forty or fifty English gentlemen in his attendance: whereas had the king of England now, as it is well known he might have done, furnished him with ten or twelve thousand English foot, nothing could have hindered him taking a full possession of his country; and yet even without that help did the king of Sweden clear almost his whole country of Imperialists, and after his death reinstalled his son in the electorate; but no thanks to us.

I will give the character of king James from a master's hand.—He was of a middle stature, more corpulent through his clothes than his body, yet fat enough, his clothes ever being made large and

easy; the doublets quilted for filetto proof; his breeches in great plaits, and full stuffed. He naturally was of a timorous disposition, which was the reason of his quilted doublets: his eyes were large, ever rolling after any stranger who came in his presence, in so much that many for shame sake have left the room, as being out of countenance: his beard was very thin; his tongue too large for his mouth, which ever made him speak full, and drink very uncomely, as if eating his drink, which came out into the cup at each side of his mouth: his skin was as soft as taffeta sarinet, which felt so because he never washed his hands, only rubbed his fingers ends slightly with the wet end of a napkin: his legs were very weak, having had, as was thought, some foul play before he was born: he was not able to stand at seven years of age; his weakness made him always leaning on other men's shoulders; his walk was ever circular; his fingers were always fiddling about his cod piece. He was temperate in his exercises and diet, and not intemperate in his drinking; however, in his old age, in Buckingham's jovial suppers, when he had any turn to do in them, he was sometimes overtaken, which the next day he would repent with tears in his eyes. It is true he drank very often, which was more out of custom than delight, and his drinks were of that kind for strength, as Frontinac, Canary, tent wine, and Scotch ale, that had he not a very

strong brain he might have been daily overtaken, although he seldom drank at any one time more than four spoonfals, often not more than one. He was constant in all things, his favourites excepted, in which he loved change, yet never cast down those who were once raised, unless from their own default, by opposing his change, as in Somerset's case; yet had he not been in that foul poisoning business, and so cast down himself, I do verily believe not him neither; for all his other favourites he left great in honour, great in fortune, and did much love Montgomery, and trusted him to the very last gasp. In his diet, apparel, and journies, he was very constant, as by his good will he would never change his clothes till worn out to very rags. His fashion never varied, insomuch that when a person brought him a hat made on a Spanish block, he would cast it from him, swearing he never loved them nor their fashions: another time, bringing him roses on his shoes, he asked them if they would make him a ruff-footed dove—one yard of sixpenny ribband served his turn. His diet and journies were so constant, that the best observing courtiers of our times used to remark, that were he asleep seven years, and then awakened, he would tell where the king had been every day, and every dish he had at his table. He was not very uxorious, though he had a very brave queen that never crossed his designs: her death, which happened six years

before his, did not tempt him to any irregularity, though a very beautiful widow, in the plenitude of her health, fortune, and amidst her admirers, gave him a fair challenge. This extraordinary lady, the relict of the deceased favourite of the king, swore by the heavens that she would never again marry a subject; but the old king was not thus to be caught. The lady kept her oath sacred. This remarkable woman was the lady Frances, daughter of Thomas lord Howard of Bindon, son to Thomas duke of Norfolk: she at first, as it were, made a stoop from her greatness, and married a Mr. Pranell, a vintner, a young man in the city, of great fortune and amiable manners; he living a short time after his marriage, Sir George Rodney, a west-country gentleman, paid his addresses unto her: she seemed to listen, but soon deserted him, and married Edward earl of Hertford. She and her lord went into Wiltshire—Sir George followed them, went to an inn in the town where they stopped, and shutting himself up in a room, wrote her a tender copy of verses in his own blood, and then ran on his sword and forced it through his body. My lord Hertford dying a short time afterwards, she married for her third husband Lodovick duke of Richmond and Lenox, cousin to king James: he was master of the household and first gentleman of the bedchamber to that king: he was a nobleman of very amiable manners: he died sud-

denly in bed with his duchess, leaving her in full bloom; but this gallant dame confessed to her confidants that she had great effects from the fulness of the duke's veins this unfortunate night. — But to resume the king. He was unfortunate in the marriage of his daughter, and so was all Christendom; but sure the daughter was more unfortunate in a father than he in a daughter. He naturally loved not the sight of a soldier, nor of any valiant man; and it has been remarked that Sir Robert Mansell was the only brave man he ever loved. He was very witty, and had as many ready witty jests as any man living, at which he would not smile himself, but deliver them in a grave and serious manner. He was very liberal of what he had not in his own gripe: his bounty was not discommendable, if he had not raised so many favourites. His rewarding old servants, and giving to his own countrymen money, is not to be blamed: but his sending ambassadors was no less chargeable than dishonourable to himself and people, for he was sure to be abused in all negotiations; but he had rather spend a hundred thousand pounds in embassies to procure peace with dishonour, than ten thousand pounds to send a force to procure peace with honour. He loved good laws, and many were made in his time. He was very crafty and cunning in petty things, insomuch, as a very wise man used to say, that he believed him to be the

wisest fool in Christendom, meaning him wise in small things, but a fool in weighty matters.—But we will take up again our Cavalier where we left him with lord Craven and the glorious king of Sweden.

Lord Craven did me the honour to inquire for me by name, and his majesty of Sweden did me yet more by presenting me to the king of Bohemia, and my lord Craven gave me a letter from my father; and speaking something of my father having served under the prince of Orange in the famous battle of Nieuport, the king of Sweden, smiling, returned, “ And pray tell him from me his son has “ served as well in the warm battle of Leipsic.”

My father being very much pleased with the honour I had received from so great a king, had ordered me to acquaint his majesty, that if he pleased to accept of their service, he would raise him a regiment of English horse, at his own charge, to be under my command, and to be sent over into Holland; and my lord Craven had orders from the king of England to signify his consent to the said levy.

I acquainted my old friend, Sir John Hepburn, with the contents of the letter, in order to have his advice, who, being pleased with the proposal, would have me go to the king immediately with the letter; but present service put it off for some days.

The taking of Creutznach was the next service of any moment : the king drew out in person to the siege of this town : the town soon came to a parly, but the castle seemed a work of difficulty, for its situation was so strong, and so surrounded with works behind and above one another, that most people thought the king would receive a check from it ; but it was not easy to resist the resolution of the king of Sweden.

He never battered it but with two small pieces; but having viewed the works himself, ordered a mine under the first ravelin, which being sprung with success, he commanded a storm. I think there was not more commanded men than volunteers, both English, Scots, French, and Germans : my old comrade, captain Fielding, was by this time recovered of his wound at Leipfic, and made one.

The first body of volunteers of about forty were led on by my lord Craven, and I led the second, among whom were most of the reformadoe Scots officers who took the castle of Oppenheim ; the first party was not able to make any thing of it, the garrison fought with so much fury, that many of the volunteer gentlemen being wounded, and some killed, the rest were beaten off with loss.

The king was in some passion at his men, and rated them for running away, as he called it,

though they really retreated in good order, and commanded the assault to be renewed.

It was our turn to fall on next : our Scots officers, not being used to be beaten, advanced immediately, and my lord Craven, with his volunteers, pierced in with us, fighting gallantly in the breach with a pike in his hand ; and to give him the honour due to his bravery, he was with the first on the top of the rampart, and gave his hand to my comrade and lifted him up after him : we helped one another up, till at last almost all the volunteers had gained the height of the ravelin, and maintained it with a great deal of resolution, expecting, when the commanded men had gained the same height, to advance upon the enemy, when one of the enemy's captains called to my lord Craven, and told him if they might have honourable terms they would capitulate, which my lord telling him he would engage for, the garrison fired no more, and the captain leaping down from the next rampart, came with my lord Craven into the camp, where the conditions were agreed on, and the castle surrendered.

After the taking of this town, the king, hearing of count Tilly's approach, and how he had beaten Gustavus Horne, the king's field marshal, out of Bamberg, began to draw his forces together, and, leaving the care of his conquests in these parts to

his chancellor Oxenstern, prepared to advance towards Bavaria.

I had taken an opportunity to wait upon his majesty with Sir John Hepburn; and being about to introduce the discourse of my father's letter, the king told me he had received a compliment on my account in a letter from king Charles.

I then said his majesty had, by his exceeding generosity, bound me and all my friends to pay their acknowledgements to him, and that I supposed my father had obtained such a mention of it from the king of England as gratitude moved him to; that his majesty's favour had been shewn in me to a family both willing and ready to serve him; that I had received some commands from my father, which, if his majesty pleased to do me the honour to accept of, might put me in a condition to acknowledge his majesty's goodness in a manner more proportioned to the sense I had of his favour; and with that I produced my father's letter, and read that clause in it which related to the regiment of horse, which was as follow:

“ MY DEAR SON,

“ I HAVE read with the utmost satisfaction the
“ account you give of the great and extraordinary
“ conquests of the king of Sweden, and with his
“ majesty's singular favour to you — I hope you
“ will be careful to value and deserve so much ho-

“nour—I am pleased you rather chose to serve as
“a volunteer at your own charge, than to take
“any command which, for want of experience,
“you might misbehave in.

“I have obtained of the king that he will particularly thank his majesty of Sweden for the
“honour he has done you; and if his highness
“will permit you so much freedom, I could be
“glad you should, in the humblest manner, thank
“his majesty, in the name of an old broken soldier.

“If you think yourself officer enough to command them, I would have you offer to raise his
“majesty a regiment of horse, which I think I
“may near complete in our neighbourhood with
“some of your old acquaintance, who are very
“willing to see the world.

“If his majesty gives you the word, they shall
“receive his commands in the Maese, the king
“having promised me to give them arms, and
“transport them for that purpose into Holland;
“and I hope they may do him such service as may
“be for your honour and the advantage of his
“majesty’s interest and glory.

“YOUR LOVING FATHER.”

“’Tis an offer like a gentleman and like a soldier,” said the king, “and I’ll accept of it upon two conditions: first, that I will pay your

“ father the advance money for the raising the regiment ; and next, that they shall be landed in the Weser or the Elbe, for which, if the king of England will not, I will pay the passage ; for if they land in Holland, it may prove very difficult to get them to us when the army shall be marched out of this part of the country.”

I returned this answer to my father, and sent my man George into England to order that regiment, and made him quarter-master. I sent blank commissions for the officers, signed by the king of Sweden, to be filled up as my father should think fit ; and when I had the king's order for the commissions, the secretary told me I must go back to the king with them.

Accordingly I went back to the king, who, opening the packet, laid all the commissions but one upon a table before him, and bade me take them, and keeping that one still in his hand, “ Now,” said he, “ you are one of my soldiers,” and therewith gave me his commission as colonel of horse in present pay.

I took the commission, kneeling, and humbly thanked his majesty : “ But,” said the king, “ there is one article of war I expect of you more than of others.”

“ Your majesty can expect nothing of me which I shall not willingly comply with as soon as I have the honour to understand what it is.”

“ Why it is, that you shall never fight but when you have orders; for I shall not be willing to lose my colonel before I have the regiment.”

“ I shall be ready at all times, Sir,” returned I, “ to obey your majesty’s orders.”

I sent my man express with the king’s answer and the commission to my father, who had the regiment completed in less than two months, and six of the officers, with a list of the rest, came away to me, whom I presented to his majesty when he lay before Nuremburg, where they kissed his hand.

One of the captains offered to bring the whole regiment travelling as private men into the army in six weeks time, and either to transport their equipage or buy it in Germany; but it was thought impracticable: however, I had so many came in that manner, that I had a complete troop always about me, and obtained the king’s order to muster them as a troop.

On the 8th of March the king decamped, and, marching up the river Maine, bent his course directly for Bavaria, taking several small places by the way, and expecting to engage with Tilly, who he thought would dispute his entrance into Bavaria, kept his army together; but Tilly finding himself too weak to encounter him, turned away, and, leaving Bavaria open to the king, marched into the Upper Palatinate.

The king, finding the country clear of the Im-

perialists, went to Nuremburg, made his entrance into that city the 21st, and being nobly treated by the citizens, he continued his march into Bavaria, and on the 26th sat down before Donawert: the town was taken the next day by storm, so swift were the conquests of this invincible captain.

Sir John Hepburn, with the Scots and the English volunteers at the head of them, entered the town first, and cut all the garrison to pieces, except such as escaped over the bridge.

I had no share in the business of Donawert, being now among the horse, but I was posted on the roads with five troops of horse, where we picked up a great many stragglers of the garrison, whom we made prisoners of war.

It is observable, that this town of Donawert is a very strong place and well fortified, and yet such expedition did the king make, and such resolution did he use in his first attacks, that he carried the town without putting himself to the trouble of formal approaches: it was generally his way when he came before any town with a design to besiege it—he never would encamp at a distance, and begin his trenches a great way off, but bring his men immediately within half musquet shot of the place; there getting under the best cover he could, he would immediately begin his batteries and trenches before their faces, and, if there was any place possible to be attacked, he would fall to storming im-

mediately. By this resolute way of coming on he carried many a town in the first heat of his men, which would have held out many days against a more regular siege.

This march of the king broke all Tilly's measures; for now he was obliged to face about, and, leaving the Upper Palatinate, to come to the assistance of the duke of Bavaria; for the king being twenty thousand strong, besides ten thousand foot and four thousand horse and dragoons which joined him from the Düringer Wald, was resolved to ruin the duke, who lay now open to him, and was the most powerful and inveterate enemy of the Protestants in the empire.

Tilly was now joined with the duke of Bavaria, and might together make about twenty-two thousand men, and, in order to keep the Swedes out of the country of Bavaria, had planted themselves along the banks of the river Lech, which runs on the edge of the duke's territories; and having fortified the other side of the river, and planted his cannon for several miles at all the convenient places on the river, resolved to dispute the king's passage.

I shall be the longer in relating this account of the Lech, being esteemed in those days as great an action as any battle or siege of that age, and particularly famous for the disaster of the gallant old general Tilly; and for that I can be more particu-

lar in it than other accounts, having been an eye witness to every part of it.

The king being truly informed of the disposition of the Bavarian army, was once of the mind to have left the banks of the Lech, have repassed the Danube, and so setting down before Ingolstadt, the duke's capital city, by the taking that strong town to have made his entrance into Bavaria, and the conquest of such a fortress, one entire action; but the strength of the place, and the difficulty of maintaining his leaguer in an enemy's country, while Tilly was so strong in the field, diverted him from that design: he therefore concluded that Tilly was first to be beaten out of the country, and then the siege of Ingolstadt would be the easier.

Whereupon the king resolved to go and view the situation of the enemy. His majesty went out the 2d of April with a strong party of horse, which I had the honour to command. We marched as near as we could to the banks of the river, not to be too much exposed to the enemy's cannon, and having gained a little height, where the whole course of the river might be seen, the king halted and commanded to draw up.

The king alighted, and, calling me to him, examined every reach and turning of the river by his glass; but finding the river run a long and almost a straight course, he could find no place which he liked; but at last turning himself north,

and looking down the stream, he found the river fetching a long reach, doubles short upon itself, making a round and very narrow point—"There's a point will do our business," said the king; "and if the ground be good I will pass there, let Tilly do his worst."

He immediately ordered a small party of horse to view the ground, and to bring him word particularly how high the bank was on each side and at the point—"And he," said the king, "shall have fifty dollars that will bring me word how deep the water is."

I asked his majesty leave to let me go, which he would by no means allow me; but, as the party was drawing out, a serjeant of dragoons told the king, if he pleased to let him go disguised as a boor, he would bring him an account of every thing he desired.

The king approving of the motion, and the fellow being well acquainted with the country, put on a ploughman's habit, and went away with a long pole upon his shoulder; the horse laying all this while in the woods, and the king standing undiscerned by the enemy on the little hill aforesaid.

The dragoon with his long pole went down boldly to the bank of the river, and calling to the centinels which Tilly had placed on the other bank, talked with them, asked them if they could help him over the river, and pretended he wanted to

got to them: at last, being come to the point, where, as I said, the river made a short turn, he stood parlying with them; at length, pretending to wade over, he put his long pole into the water, till, being gotten up to his middle, he could reach beyond him, where it was too deep, and, shaking his head, came back again.

The soldiers on the other side, laughing at him, asked him if he could swim? He said, "No, I cannot."

"Why, you fool," said one of the centinels, "the channel of the river is twenty feet deep."

"How do you know that?" said the dragoon. — "Why our engineer," answered he, "measured it yesterday."

This was what he wanted; but not yet fully satisfied—"Ay, but," said he, "if one of you will wade in to meet me, till I can reach you with my pole, I will give him half a ducat to pull me over."

The innocent way of his discourse so deluded the soldiers, that one of them immediately stripped and went in, and our dragoon got in on this side to meet him; the stream took the other soldier away, but he, being a good swimmer, came over to this side.

The dragoon was then in pain for fear of being discovered; but at last resolved to carry on the humour; and having entertained the fellow with a

tale about the Swedes stealing his oats, the fellow, being cold, wanted to be gone, and the dragoon, as willing to be rid of him, pretended to be very sorry he could not get over the river, and so they parted.

By this, however, he learned both the depth and breadth of the channel, the bottom and nature of both shores, and every thing the king wanted to know. We could see him from the hill by our glasses very plain, and could see the soldier naked with him.

Said the king, he will certainly be discovered and knocked on the head from the other side: he is a fool he does not kill the fellow and run off; but when the dragoon told his tale the king was extremely well satisfied with him, ordered him a hundred dollars, and made him a quarter master to a troop of horse.

The king having farther examined the dragoon, he gave him a very distinct account of the shore and the ground on this side, which he found to be higher than the enemy's by ten or twelve feet, and a hard gravel.

Hereupon the king resolved to pass there; and, in order to it, gave, himself, particular directions for such a bridge as I believe never army passed a river on before nor since.

His bridge was only loose planks laid upon large treffels, in the same homely manner as I have seen

bricklayers raise a low scaffold to build a brick wall. The tressels were made higher than one another to answer to the river as it became deeper or shallower, and were all framed and fitted before any appearance was made of attempting to pass.

When all was ready, the king brought his army down to the bank of the river, and planted his cannon as the enemy had done, some here and some there, to amuse them.

At night, April 4th, the king commanded two thousand men to march to the point, and to throw up a trench on either side, and quite round it, with a battery of six pieces of cannon at each end, besides three small mounts, one at the point, and one on each side, which had each of them two pieces upon them. This work was begun so briskly, and so well carried on, the king firing all the night from the other parts of the river, that by daylight all the batteries at the new work were mounted, the trench lined with two thousand musqueteers, and all the utensils of the bridge lay ready to be put together.

Now the Imperialists discovered the design, but it was too late to hinder it; the musqueteers in the great trench and the five new batteries made such continual fire, that the other bank, which, as before, lay twelve feet below them, was too hot for the Imperialists; whereupon Tilly, to be provided for the king at his coming over, fell to work in a

wood right against the point, and raised a great battery for twenty pieces of cannon, with a breast-work, or line, as near the river as he could to cover his men, thinking that when the king had built his bridge he might easily beat it down with his cannon.

But the king had doubly prevented him, first, by laying his bridge so low that none of Tilly's shot could hurt it, for the bridge laid not half a foot above the water's edge; by which means the king, who in that shewed himself an excellent engineer, had secured it from any batteries to be made within the land, and the angle of the bank secured it from the remoter batteries on the other side, and the continual fire of the cannon and small shot beat the Imperialists from their station just against it, they having no works to cover them.

In the second place, to secure his passage he sent over two hundred men, and after that two hundred more, who had orders to cast up a large ravelin on the other bank just where he designed to land his bridge. This was done with such expedition, that it was finished before night, and in a condition to receive all the shot of Tilly's great battery, and effectually covered the bridge.

While this was doing, the king, on his side, laid over his bridge. Both parties wrought hard all day and all night, as if the spade, not the sword, had been to decide the controversy, and that he

would get the victory whose trenches and batteries were first ready ; in the mean while the cannon and musquet bullets flew like hail, and made the service so hot, that both sides had enough to do to make their men stand to their work. The king, in the hottest of it, animated his men by his presence, and Tilly, to give him his due, did the same ; for the execution was so great, and so many officers killed, general Attringer wounded, and two serjeant majors killed, that at last Tilly himself was obliged to come up to the very face of our line to encourage his men, and give his necessary orders.

At one o'clock, much about the time that the king's bridge and works were finished, and just as, they said, he had ordered to fall on upon our ravelin with three thousand foot, was the brave old Tilly wounded with a musquet bullet in the thigh : he was carried to Ingolstadt, and lived some days after, but died of that wound the same day as the king had his horse shot under him at the siege of that town.

We made no question of passing the river here, having brought every thing so forward, and with such extraordinary success ; but we should have found it a very hot piece of work if Tilly had escaped the misfortune one day longer : and if I may give my opinion of it, having seen Tilly's battery and breastwork, in the face of which we must have passed the river, I must say, that when-

ever we had marched, if Tilly had fallen in with his horse and foot, placed in that trench, the whole army would have encountered as much danger as in the face of a strong town in the storming a counterfarp.

The king, when he saw with what judgement Tilly had prepared his works, and what danger he himself must have run, said, that day's success was every way equal to the victory of Leipzig.

Tilly being wounded, as if the soul of the army had been lost, they began to draw off. The duke of Bavaria took horse and rode away, as if he had fled out of battle for his life.

The other generals, with a little more caution as well as courage, drew off by degrees, sending their cannon and baggage away first, and leaving some to continue firing on the bank of the river to conceal their retreat. The river preventing any intelligence, we knew nothing of the disaster which had befallen them; and the king, who looked for blows, having finished his bridge and ravelin, ordered to run a line with palisades to take in more ground on the bank of the river to cover the first troops he should send over. This being finished the same night, the king sent over a party of his guards to relieve the men who were in the ravelin, and commanded six hundred musketeers to man the new line out of the Scots brigade.

Early in the morning a small party of Scots,

commanded by a captain Forbes, of my lord Bea's regiment, were sent out to learn something of the enemy, the king observing they had not fired all night; and while this party were abroad, the army stood in battalia; and my old friend Sir John Hepburn, whom, of all men, the king most depended upon for any desperate service, was ordered to pass the bridge with his brigade, and to draw up without the line, with command to advance as he found the horse who were to second him come over.

Sir John, being passed without the trench, met captain Forbes with some prisoners, and the good news of the enemy's retreat: he sent him directly to the king, who was by this time at the head of his army, in full battalia, ready to follow his vanguard, expecting a hot day's work of it.

Sir John sent messenger after messenger to the king, entreating him to give him orders to advance, but the king would not suffer him, for he was ever upon his guard, and would not venture a surprize; so the army continued on this side the Loch all day and the next night.

In the morning the king sent for me, and ordered me to draw out three hundred horse, and a colonel with six hundred horse, and a colonel with eight hundred dragoons, and ordered us to enter the wood by three ways, but so as to be able to relieve one another; and then ordered Sir John Hepburn with his brigade to advance to the edge of

the wood to secure our retreat; and at the same time commanded another brigade of foot to pass the bridge to second Sir John; so warily did this prudent general proceed.

We advanced with our horse into the Bavarian camp, which we found forsaken. The plunder of it was inconsiderable; for the exceeding caution the king had used gave them time to carry off all their baggage. We followed them three or four miles, and returned to our camp.

I confess I was most diverted that day with viewing the works which Tilly had cast up, and must own again, that had he not been taken off, we had met with as desperate a piece of work as ever was attempted. The next day the rest of the cavalry came up to us, commanded by Gustavus Horne, and the king and the whole army followed: we advanced through the heart of Bavaria, took Rain at the first summons, and several other small towns, and sat down before Augsburgh.

Augsburgh, though a Protestant city, had a Popish Bavarian garrison in it of above five thousand men, commanded by a Fugger, a great family in Bavaria. The governor had posted several little parties as outscouts at the distance of two or three miles from the town.

The king, at his coming up to this town, sent me with my little troop and three companies of dragoons to beat in those outscouts: the first party

I discovered was not above sixteen men, who had made a small barricado across the road, and stood resolutely upon their guard. I commanded the dragoons to alight, and open the barricado, which, while they resolutely performed, the sixteen men gave them two volleys of their musquets, and through the enclosures made their retreat to a turnpike about a quarter of a mile farther.

We past their first traverse, and coming up to the turnpike, I found it defended by two hundred musqueteers: I prepared to attack them, sending word to the king of the strength of the enemy, and desired some foot to be sent me.

My dragoons fell on, and, though the enemy made a very hot fire, had beat them from this post before two hundred foot, which the king had sent me, had come up. Being joined with the foot, I followed the enemy, who retreated, fighting, till they came under the cannon of a strong redoubt, where they drew up; and I could see another body of foot, of about three hundred, join them out of the works.

Upon this I halted, and considering I was in view of the town, and a great way from the army, I faced about, and began to march off. As we marched I found the enemy followed, but kept at a distance, as if they only designed to observe us. We had not marched far before I heard a volley of

small shot, answered by two or three more, which I presently apprehended to be at the turnpike, where I had left a small guard of twenty-six men with a lieutenant.

Immediately I detached one hundred dragoons to relieve my men, and secure my retreat, following myself as fast as the foot could march.

The lieutenant sent me back word the post was taken by the enemy, and my men cut off. Upon this I doubled my pace, and when I came up I found it as the lieutenant had said; for the post was taken, and manned with three hundred musqueteers and three troops of horse. By this time I found the party in my rear made up towards me; so that I was like to be charged, in a narrow place, both in front and rear.

I saw there was no remedy, but with all my force to fall upon that party before me, and so to break through before those from the town could come up with me: therefore, commanding my dragoons to alight, I ordered them to fall on upon the foot. Their horse were drawn up in an enclosed field on one side of the road, a great ditch securing the other side; so that they thought if I charged the foot in front, they would fall upon my flank, while those behind would charge my rear; and, indeed, had the other come in time, they had cut me off. My dragoons made three fair charges

on their foot ; but were received with so much resolution, and so brisk a fire, that they were beaten off, and sixteen men killed.

Seeing them so rudely handled, and the horse ready to fall in, I relieved them with one hundred musqueteers, and they renewed the attack ; at the same time with my troop of horse, flanked on both wings with fifty musqueteers, I faced their horse, but did not offer to charge them. The case grew now desperate, and the enemy behind were just at my heels with near six hundred men. The captain who commanded the musqueteers, who flanked my horse, came up to me, and said, " If we do not force this pass, all will be lost : if you will draw out your troop and twenty of my foot, and fall in, I will engage to keep off the horse with the rest."—" With all my heart," said I.

Immediately I wheeled off my troop, and a small party of the musqueteers followed me, and fell in with the dragoons and foot, who, seeing the danger too as well as I, fought like mad men. The foot at the turnpike were not able to hinder our breaking through ; so we made our way out, killing about one hundred and fifty of them, and put the rest into confusion.

But now was I in as great a difficulty as before how to fetch off my brave captain of foot, for they charged home upon him : he defended himself with extraordinary gallantry, having the benefit of

a piece of a hedge to cover him; but he lost half his men, and was just upon the point of being defeated, when the king, informed by a foldier that escaped from the turnpike, one of twenty-six, had sent a party of six hundred dragoons to bring me off: these came upon the spur, and joined with me just as I had broke through the turnpike. The enemy's foot rallied behind their horse, and by this time their other party was come in; but, seeing our relief, they drew off together.

I lost above one hundred men in these skirmishes, and killed of the enemy about one hundred and eighty. We secured the turnpike, and placed a company of foot there with one hundred dragoons, and came back well beaten to the army. The king, to prevent such uncertain skirmishes, advanced the next day in view of the town, and, according to his custom, sat down with his army within cannon shot of their walls.

The king won this great city by force of words, for by two or three messages and letters to and from the citizens the town was gained, the garrison not daring to defend them against their wills. His majesty made his public entrance into the city on the 14th of April, and, receiving the compliments of the citizens, advanced immediately to Ingolstadt, which is accounted, and really is, the strongest town in all those parts.

The town had a very strong garrison in it, and

the duke of Bavaria lay entrenched with his army under the walls of it, on the other side of the river. The king, who never loved long sieges, having viewed the town, and brought his army within musquet shot of it, called a council of war, where it was the king's opinion that the town would cost him more than it was worth, and therefore he resolved to raise the siege.

Here the king, going to view the town, had his horse shot with a cannon bullet from the works, which tumbled the king and his horse over each other, that every body thought the king had been killed, but he happily received no hurt : that very minute, as near as could be learned, general Tilly died of the shot he received on the bank of the Lech.

I was not in the camp when the king had this accident ; for he had sent almost all the horse and dragoons, under Gustavus Horne, to face the duke of Bavaria's camp, and after that to plunder the country, which truly was a work the soldiers were glad of, for it was very seldom they had that liberty given them, and they made very good use of it when it was, for the country of Bavaria was rich and plentiful, having seen no enemy before during the whole war.

The army, having left the siege of Ingolstadt, proceeded to take in the rest of Bavaria. Sir John Hepburn, with three brigades of foot, and Gus-

tavus Horne, with three thousand horse and dragoons, went to Landshut, and took it the same day. The garrison was all horse, and gave us several skirmishes at our approach, in one of which I lost two of my troops; but when we had beat them into close quarters they presently capitulated.

The general got a large sum of money of the town, besides a great many presents to the officers; and from thence the king went on to Munich, the duke of Bavaria's court. Some of the general officers would fain have had the plundering of the duke's palace; but the king was too generous—the city paid him four hundred thousand dollars, and the duke's magazine was then seized, in which were one hundred and forty pieces of cannon, and small arms for above twenty thousand men.

The great chamber of the duke's rarities was preserved, by the king's special order, with a great deal of care. I expected to have staid here some time, to have taken an exact account of this curious laboratory; but being commanded away, I had no time, and the fate of the war never gave me an opportunity to see it again.

The Imperialists, under the command of commissary Osta, had besieged Bibrach, an Imperial city not very well fortified; and the inhabitants, being under the Swede's protection, defended themselves as well as they could, but were in great danger, and sent several expresses to the king for help.

The king immediately detached a strong body of horse and foot to relieve Bibrach, and would be the commander himself—I marched among the horse—but the Imperialists saved us the labour; for the news of the king coming frightened away Osta, that he left Bibrach, and hardly looked behind him till he got up to the Bodensee, on the confines of Switzerland.

At our return from this expedition the king had the first news of Wallestein's approach, who, on the death of count Tilly, being declared generalissimo of the emperor's forces, had been a tyrant in Bohemia, and was now advancing with sixty thousand men to relieve the duke of Bavaria.

The king, therefore, in order to be in a situation to receive this great general, resolved to quit Bavaria, and to expect him on the frontiers of Franconia; and because he knew the Nurenburghers, for their kindness to him, would be their first sacrifice, he resolved to defend that city against him, whatever it cost.

Nevertheless he did not leave Bavaria without a defence; but, on the one hand, he left Sir John Bannier with ten thousand men about Augsburgh, and the duke of Saxe-Weimar with another like army about Ulme and Memmingen, with orders to direct their march as that they might join him upon any occasion in a few days.

We encamped about Nurenburgh the middle of

June. The army, after so many detachments, was not above nineteen thousand men. The Imperial army, joined with the Bavarian, were not so numerous as was reported, but was really near sixty thousand men.

The king, not strong enough to fight yet, (as he used to say), was strong enough not to be forced to fight, formed his camp so under the cannon of Nuremburg, that there was no besieging the town, but they must besiege him too; and he fortified his camp in so formidable a manner, that Wallestein never dared to attack him.

On the 30th of June Wallestein's troops appeared, and on the 5th of July encamped close by the king, and posted themselves not only on the Bavarian side, but between the king and his own friends of Schwaben and Frankendal, in order to intercept his provisions, and, as they thought, to starve him out of his camp.

Here they lay to see, as it were, who could subsist longest. The king was strong in horse, for we had full eight thousand horse and dragoons in the army, and this gave us great advantage in the several skirmishes we had with the enemy.

The enemy had possession of the whole country, and had taken effectual care to furnish their army with provisions: they placed their guards in such excellent order to secure their convoys, that their waggons went from stage to stage as quiet as in a

time of peace, and were relieved every five miles by parties constantly posted on the road.

And thus the Imperial general sat down by us, not doubting but he should force the king either to fight his way through on very disadvantageous terms, or to rise for want of provisions, and leave the city of Nurenburch a prey to his army; for he had vowed the destruction of the city, and to make it a second Magdeburg.

But the king, who was not to be easily deceived, had countermined all Wallestein's designs: he had passed his honour to the Nurenburchers that he would not leave them, and they had undertaken to victual his army, and secure him from want, which they did so effectually, that he had no occasion to expose his troops to any hazard or fatigues for convoys or forage on any account whatever.

The city of Nurenburch is a very rich and populous city; and the king, being very sensible of their danger, had given his word for their defence: and when they, being terrified at the threats of the Imperialists, sent their deputies to beseech the king to take care of them, he sent them word he would, and be besieged with them.

They, on the other hand, laid in such stores of all sorts of provision, both for men and horse, that had Wallestein lain before it six months longer, there would have been no scarcity. Every private house was a magazine: the camp was plentifully

supplied with all manner of provisions, and the market always full, and as cheap as in times of peace.

The magistrates were so careful, and preserved so excellent an order in the disposal of all sorts of provision, that no engrossing of corn could be practised, for the prices were every day directed at the town house; and if any man offered to demand more money for corn than the stated price, he could not sell, because at the town storehouse you might buy cheaper.

Here are two instances of good and bad conduct: —The city of Magdeburg had been entreated by the king to settle funds, and raise money for their provision and security, and to have a sufficient garrison to defend them; but they made difficulties either to raise men for themselves, or to admit the king's troops to assist them, for fear of the charge of maintaining them; and this was the cause of the city's ruin.

The city of Nurenburch opened their arms to receive the assistance proffered by the Swedes, and their purses to defend their town and common cause; and this was the saving them absolutely from destruction. The rich burghers and magistrates kept open houses, where the officers of the army were always welcome; and the council of the city took such care of the poor, that there was no complaining nor disorders in the whole city.

There is no doubt but it cost the city a great deal of money; but I never saw a public charge borne with so much cheerfulness, nor managed with so much prudence and conduct, in my life. The city fed about fifty thousand every day, including their own poor, besides themselves; and yet, when the king had lain thus three months, and finding his armies longer in coming up than he expected, asked the burgrave how their magazines held out?

He answered, they desired his majesty not to hasten things for them, for they could maintain themselves and him twelve months longer, if there was occasion.

This plenty kept both the army and city in good health, as well as in good heart; whereas nothing was to be had of us but blows; for we fetched nothing from without our works, nor had any business without the line, but to interrupt the enemy.

The manner of the king's encampment deserves a particular attention. He was a complete surveyor, and a master in fortification, not to be outdone by any body. He had posted his army in the suburbs of the town, and drawn lines round the whole circumference, that he begirt the city with his army: his works were large, the ditch deep, flanked with innumerable bastions, ravelins, horn-works, forts, redoubts, batteries, and pallisadoes,

the incessant work of eight thousand men for about fourteen days.

Besides that, the king was adding something or other to it every day; and the very posture of his camp was enough to tell a larger army than Wallenstein's that he was not to be assaulted in his trenches.

The king's design appeared chiefly to be the preservation of the city; but that was not all — he had three armies acting abroad in three several places: Gustavus Horne was on the Mosel; the chancellor Oxenstern about Mentz, Cologne; and the Rhine; duke William and duke Bernard, together with general Bannier, in Bavaria: and though he designed they should all join him, and had wrote to them to that purpose, yet he did not hasten them, knowing that while he kept the main army at bay about Nurenburch they would, without opposition, reduce those several countries they were acting in to his power.

This occasioned his laying longer in the camp at Nurenburch than he would have done, and this occasioned his giving the Imperialists so many alarms by his strong parties of horse, of which he was well provided, that they might not be able to make any considerable detachments for the relief of their friends; and here he shewed his mastership in the war; for by his means his conquests went on as effectually as if he had been abroad himself.

In the mean time, it was not to be expected two such armies should lie long so near without some action. The Imperial army, being masters of the field, laid the country for about twenty miles round Nurenburch, in a manner, desolate: what the inhabitants could carry away had been before secured in such strong towns as had garrisons to protect them, and what was left the hungry Crabats devoured, or set on fire; but sometimes they were met with by our men, who often paid them home for it.

There had passed several small rencounters between our parties and theirs; and, as it falls out in such cases, sometimes one side, sometimes the other, got the better; but I have observed there never was any party sent out by the king's special appointment but always came home with victory.

The first considerable attempt, as I remember, was made on a convoy of ammunition. The party sent out was commanded by a Saxon colonel, and consisted of a thousand horse and five hundred dragoons, who burnt above six hundred waggons loaded with ammunition and stores for the army, besides taking about two thousand musquets, which they brought back to the army.

The latter end of July the king received advice that the Imperialists had formed a magazine for provisions at a town called Freynstat, twenty miles from Nurenburch. Hither all the booty and con-

tributions raised in the Upper Palatinate, and parts adjacent, were brought and laid up in a place of security, a garrison of six hundred men being placed to defend it; and when a quantity of provisions was got together, convoys were appointed to fetch it off.

The king was resolved, if possible, to take or destroy this magazine; and sending for colonel Dubalt, a Swede, a man of extraordinary conduct, he told him his design, that he must be the man to put it in execution, and ordered him to take what forces he thought convenient.

The colonel, who well knew the town, and the country about it, told his majesty he would attempt it; but it would require some foot to make the attack.

"We cannot stay for them," said the king—"you must then take some dragoons with you;" and immediately the king called for me.

I was just going up the stairs as the king's page was coming out to inquire for me; so I went immediately to the king.

"Here is a piece of hot work for you, Cavalier—Dubalt will tell it you—go together and contrive it."

We immediately withdrew, and when the colonel had acquainted me with the discourse which had passed between the king and himself, I replied I thought dragoons might do as well; so we agreed

to take sixteen hundred horse and four hundred dragoons.

The king, impatient in his design, came into the room to us to know what we had resolved on, approved our measures, gave us orders immediately, and, turning to me, said, "Cavalier, you shall command the dragoons, but Dubalt must be general in this case, for he knows the country."

"Your majesty," said I, "shall be always served by me in any figure you please."—The king wished us good speed, and hurried us away the same afternoon, in order to get to the place in time.

We could march but slowly because of the carriages we had with us, and came to Freynstat about one o'clock in the night perfectly undiscovered. The guards were so negligent, that we came to the very port before they had notice of us; and a serjeant with twelve dragoons thrust in upon the out-centinels, and killed them without noise.

Immediately ladders were placed to the half-moon which defended the gate, which the dragoons mounted and carried in a trice, about twenty-eight men being cut in pieces within. As soon as the ravelin was taken, they burst open the gate, at which I entered at the head of two hundred dragoons, and seized the drawbridge. By this time the town was in alarm, and the drums beat to

arms, but it was too late; for by the help of a petard we broke open the gate, and entered the town.

The garrison made an obstinate resistance for about half an hour; but our men being all in, and three troops of horse dismounted coming to our assistance with their carbines, the town was entirely mastered by three of the clock, and guards sent to prevent any body running to give notice to the enemy.

There were about two hundred of the garrison killed, and the rest taken prisoners. The town being thus secured, the gates were opened, and colonel Dubalt came in with the horse.

The guards being set, we entered the magazine, where we found an incredible quantity of all sorts of provision. There was one hundred and fifty tons of bread, eight thousand sacks of meal, four thousand sacks of oats, and of other provisions in proportion.

We caused as much of it as could be loaded to be brought away in such waggons and carriages as we found, and set the rest on fire, town and all. We staid by it till we saw it past a possibility of being saved, and then drew off with eight hundred waggons which we found in the place, most of which we loaded with bread, meal, and oats.

While we were doing this we sent a party of

dragoons into the fields, who met us again as we came out with above a thousand head of black cattle, besides sheep.

Our next care was to bring this booty home without meeting with the enemy; to secure which colonel Dubalt immediately dispatched an express to the king to let him know of our success, and to desire a detachment might be made to secure our retreat, being charged with so much plunder.

And it was well the colonel did so; for though we had used all the diligence possible to prevent any notice, yet somebody had carried the news to the Imperial army; and their general, upon this, detached major-general Sparr with a body of six thousand men to cut off our retreat.

The king, who had notice of this detachment, marched out in person with three thousand men to wait upon general Sparr. All this was the account of one day. The king met general Sparr at the moment when his troops were divided, fell upon them, routed one part of them; and the rest in a few hours after; killed them one thousand men, and took general Sparr prisoner.

In the interval of this action we came safe to the camp with our booty, which was very considerable, and would have supplied our whole army for a month. Thus we feasted at the enemy's cost, and beat them into the bargain.

The king gave all the live cattle to the Nurenburghers, who, though they had really no want of provisions, yet fresh meat was not so plentiful as such provisions which were stored up in vessels and laid by.

After this skirmish we had the country more at command than before, and daily fetched in fresh provisions and forage in the fields.

The two armies had now lain a long time in sight of one another, and daily skirmishes had considerably weakened them; and the king, beginning to be impatient, hastened the advancement of his friends to join him, in which also they were not backward; but having drawn together their forces from several parts, and all joined the chancellor Oxenstern, news came the 15th of August that they were in full march to join us; and being come to a small town called Bruck, the king went out of the camp with about one thousand horse to view them.

I went along with the horse, and the 21st of August saw the review of all the armies together, which were thirty thousand men, in extraordinary equipage, old soldiers, and commanded by officers of the greatest conduct and experience in the world. There was the rich chancellor of Sweden, who commanded as general; Gustavus Horne and John Bannier, both Swedes, and old generals; duke

William and duke Bernard of Weimar; the landgrave of Hesse Cassel; the palatine of Birkenfield; and abundance of princes and lords of the empire.

The armies being joined, the king, who was now a match for Wallestein, quitted his camp, and drew up in battalia before the Imperial trenches; but the scene was changed—Wallestein was no more able to fight now than the king was before; but keeping within his trenches, stood upon his guard. The king, coming up close to his works, planted batteries, and cannonaded him in his very camp.

The Imperialists, finding the king press upon them, retreated into a woody country about three leagues, and taking possession of an old ruined castle, posted their army behind it.

This old castle they fortified, and placed a very strong guard there. The king having viewed the place, though it was a very strong post, resolved to attack it with the whole right wing. The attack was made with a great deal of order and resolution, the king leading the first party on with sword in hand, and the fight was maintained on both sides with the utmost obstinacy all the day and the next night too, for the cannon and musquet never gave over until the morning; but the Imperialists having the advantage of the hill, of their works and batteries, and being continually relieved, and the Swedes naked, without cannon or works, the post

was maintained; and the king, finding it would cost him too much blood, drew off in the morning.

This was the famous fight at Altenberg, where the Imperialists boasted to have shewn the world the king of Sweden was not invincible. They called it the victory at Altenberg. It is true the king failed in his attempt of carrying their works; but there was so little of a victory in it, that the Imperial general thought fit not to venture a second attack, but to draw off their army as soon as they could to a safer quarter.

I had no share in this battle, very few of the horse being in the action; but my comrade, who was always among the Scots volunteers, was wounded and taken prisoner by the enemy. They used him very civilly; and the king and Wallenstein straining courtesies with one another, the king released major-general Sparr without ransom, and the Imperial general sent home colonel Tortenson, a Swede, and sixteen volunteer gentlemen who were taken in the heat of the action, among whom my friend was one.

The king lay fourteen days facing the Imperial army, and using all the stratagems possible to bring them to a battle, but to no purpose; during which time we had parties continually out, and very often skirmishes with the enemy.

I had a command of one of these parties in an

adventure wherein I got no booty, nor much honour. The king had received advice of a convoy of provisions which was to come to the enemy's camp from the Upper Palatinate, and intending to surprise them, he commanded us to waylay them with twelve hundred horse, and eight hundred dragoons. I had exact directions given me of the way they were to come, and posting my horse in a village a little out of the road, I lay with my dragoons in a wood by which they were to pass by break of day.

The enemy appeared with their convoy, and being very wary, their outposts discovered us, and fired upon the centinel I had posted in a tree at the entrance of the wood. Finding myself discovered, I would have retreated to the village where my horse were posted; but in a moment the wood was skirted with the enemy's horse, and a thousand musqueteers advanced to beat me out.

In this dilemma I sent away three messengers one after another for the horse, who were within two miles of me, to advance to my relief; but all my messengers fell into the enemy's hands. Four hundred of my dragoons on foot, whom I had placed at a little distance before me, stood to their work, and beat off two charges of the enemy's foot, with some loss on both sides: mean time two hundred of my men faced about, and, rushing out of the wood,

broke through a party of the enemy's horse who stood to watch our coming out.

I confess I was exceedingly surprised at it, thinking those fellows had done it to make their escape, or else were gone over to the enemy; and my men were so discouraged at it, that they began to look about which way to run for safety, and were just upon the point of disbanding to shift for themselves, when one of the captains called to me aloud to beat a parley and treat. I made no answer, as if I had not heard him, and immediately gave the word for all the captains to come together. The consultation was but short; for the musqueteers were advancing to a third charge with numbers which we were not likely to deal with.

In short, we resolved to beat a parley, and demand quarter, for that was all we could expect; when on a sudden the body of horse I had posted in the village, being directed by the noise, had advanced to relieve me, if they saw occasion, and had met the two hundred dragoons, who guided them directly to the spot where they had broke through, and all together fell upon the horse of the enemy who were posted on that side, and, mauling them before they could be relieved, cut them all to pieces and brought me off.

Under the shelter of this party we made good our retreat to the village, but we lost above three

hundred men, and were glad to make off from the village too, for the enemy were very much too strong for us.

Returning thence towards the camp we met with two hundred Crabats who had been upon the plundering account: we made ourselves some amends upon them for our former loss, for we shewed them no mercy; but our misfortunes were not ended, for we had but just dispatched those Crabats when we fell in with three thousand Imperial horse, who, on the expectation of the aforesaid convoy, were sent out to secure them.

All I could do could not persuade my men to stand their ground against this party; so that, finding they would run away in confusion, I agreed to make off, and, facing to the right, we went over a large common a full trot, till at last fear, which always increases in a flight, brought us to a gallop, with the enemy at our heels.

I must confess I was never so mortified in my life—it was to no purpose to turn—no man would stand by us—we run for life—and a great many we left by the way, who were either wounded by the enemy's shot, or else could not keep pace with us.

At last, having got over the common, which was near two miles, we came to a lane: one of our captains, a Saxon, and a gentleman of good fortune, alighted at the entrance of the lane, and with a bold heart faced about, shot his own horse,

and called his men to stand by him and defend the lane. Some of his men halted, and we rallied about six hundred men, which we posted as well as we could to defend the pass; but the enemy charged us with great fury.

The Saxon gentleman, after defending himself with exceeding gallantry, and refusing quarter, was killed upon the spot. A German dragoon gave me a blow with the stock of his piece on my head, and was just going to repeat it, when one of my men shot him dead. I was so stunned with the blow, that I knew nothing; but, recovering, I found myself in the hands of two of the enemy's officers, who offered me quarter, which I accepted; and, indeed, to give them their due, they used me very civilly.

Thus this whole party was defeated, and not above five hundred men got safe to the army; nor had half the number escaped, had not the Saxon captain made so bold a stand at the head of the lane.

Several other parties of the king's army revenged our quarrel, and paid them home for it; but I had a particular loss in this defeat, that I never saw the king of Sweden after: for though his majesty sent a trumpet to reclaim us as prisoners the very next day, yet I was not delivered, some scruple happening about exchanging, till after the battle of Lutzen, where that gallant prince lost his life.

The Imperial army arose from their camp about eight or ten days after the king had removed, and I was carried prisoner in the army till they sat down to the siege of Coburg castle, and then was left with other prisoners of war, in the custody of colonel Spezuter, in a small castle near the camp called Newstat.

Here we continued indifferently well treated, but could learn nothing of what action the armies were upon, till the duke of Fridland, having been beaten off from the castle of Coburg, marched into Saxony, and the prisoners were sent for into the camp, as was said, in order to be exchanged.

I came into the Imperial leaguer at the siege of Leipzig, and within three days after my coming the city was surrendered, and I got liberty to lodge at my old quarters in the town upon my parole.

The king of Sweden was at the heels of the Imperialists; for finding Wallestein resolved to ruin the elector of Saxony, the king had re-collected as much of his divided army as he could, and came upon him just as he was going to besiege Torgaw.

As it is not my design to write a history of any more of these wars than I was actually concerned in, so I shall only note, that, upon the king's approach, Wallestein halted, and likewise called all his troops together, for he apprehended the king would fall on him; and we that were prisoners

fancied the Imperial soldiers went unwillingly out, for the very name of the king of Sweden was become terrible to them.

In short, they drew all the soldiers of the garrison they could spare out of Leipzig, sent for Pappenheim again, who was gone but three days before with six thousand men on a private expedition.

On the 16th of November the armies met on the plains of Lutzen—a long and bloody battle was fought—the Imperialists were entirely routed and beaten, twelve thousand slain upon the spot, their cannon, baggage, and two thousand prisoners taken; but the king of Sweden lost his life, being killed at the head of his troops in the beginning of the fight*.

It is impossible to describe the consternation the death of this conquering king struck into all the princes of Germany—the grief for him exceeded all manner of human sorrow.

All people looked upon themselves as ruined and swallowed up—the inhabitants of two thirds of all Germany put themselves into mourning for him. When the ministers mentioned him in their sermons or prayers, whole congregations would burst

* Another historian relates it thus :—Here the Swedes obtained a victory over the Germans, anno 1632; but lost their king, the heroic Gustavus Adolphus, who, being wounded reconnoitring, was basely dispatched by a servant of his own.

out into tears. The elector of Saxony was utterly inconsolable, and would for several days walk about his palace like a distracted man, crying, The favour of Germany was lost; the refuge of abused princes was gone; the soul of the war was dead: and from that hour was so hopeless of outliving the war, that he sought to make peace with the emperor.

Three days after this mournful victory the Saxons recovered the town of Leipzig by stratagem. The duke of Saxony's forces lay at Torgaw, and, perceiving the confusion the Imperialists were in at the news of the overthrow of their army, they resolved to attempt the recovery of the town.

They sent about twenty scattering troopers, who, pretending themselves to be Imperialists fled from the battle, were let in one by one; and still as they came in they staid at the court of guard in the port entertaining the soldiers with discourse about the fight, and how they escaped, and the like, till the whole number being got in, at a watch word they fell on the guard, and cut them all in pieces, and immediately opening the gate to three troops of Saxon horse, the town was taken in a moment.

It was a welcome surprise to me, for I was at liberty of course; and the war being now on another footing, as I thought, and the king dead, I resolved to quit the service.

I had sent my man, as I have already noted,

into England, in order to bring over the troops my father had raised for the king of Sweden. He executed his commission so well, that he landed with five troops at Embden in very good condition, and orders were sent them by the king to join the duke of Lunenburg's army; which they did at the siege of Boxthude in the Lower Saxony. Here, by long and very sharp service, they were most of them cut off; and though they were several times recruited, yet I understood there were not three full troops left.

The duke of Saxe-Weimar, a gentleman of great courage, had the command of the army after the death of the king, and managed it with so much prudence, that all things were in as much order as could be expected after so great a loss; for the Imperialists were every where beaten, and Wallenstein never made any advantage of the king's death.

I waited on the duke at Hailbron, whither he was gone to meet the chancellor of Sweden, where I paid him my respects, and desired he would bestow the remainder of my regiment on my comrade, captain Fielding, which he did with all the civility and readiness imaginable. I then took leave of my friend, and prepared to come for England.

I shall only note, that at this diet the Protestant princes of the empire renewed their league with one another, and with the crown of Sweden, and

came to several regulations and conclusions for the carrying on the war, which they afterwards prosecuted under the direction of the said chancellor of Sweden.

But it was not the work of a small difficulty, nor of a short time. Having been persuaded to continue almost two years afterwards at Frankfort, Hailbron, and thereabout, by the particular friendship of that noble, wise man, and extraordinary statesman, Axell Oxenstern, chancellor of Sweden, I had an opportunity to be concerned in, and present at, several treaties of extraordinary consequence, sufficient for a history, if that were my design.

Particularly, I had the happiness to be present at, and have some concern in, the treaty for the restoring the posterity of the truly-noble Palgrave king of Bohemia. King James of England had, indeed, too much neglected the whole family; and I may say with authority enough, from my own knowledge of affairs, had nothing been done for them but what was from England, that family had remained desolate and forsaken to this day.

But that glorious king, Gustavus, whom I can never mention without some remark of his extraordinary merit, had left particular instructions with his chancellor to rescue the Palatinate to its rightful lord, as a proof of his design to restore the liberty of Germany, and reinstate the oppressed

princes who were subjected to the tyranny of the house of Austria.

Pursuant to this resolution, the chancellor proceeded very much like a man of honour; and though the king of Bohemia died a little before, yet he carefully managed the treaty, answered the objections of several princes who, in the general ruin of the family, had reaped private advantages, settled the capitulations for the quota of contributions very much for their advantage, and fully re-installed the prince Charles in the possession of all his dominions in the Lower Palatinate, which afterwards was confirmed to him and his posterity by the peace of Westphalia, where all these bloody wars were finished in a peace, which has since been the foundation of the Protestants' liberty, and the best security of the whole empire.

I spent two years rather in wandering up and down than travelling; for though I had no mind to serve, yet I could not find in my heart to leave Germany; and I had obtained some so very close intimacies with the general officers, that I was often in the army, and sometimes they did me the honour to bring me into their councils of war.

Particularly, at that eminent council before the battle of Norlingen, I was invited to the council of war, both by duke Bernard of Weimar, and by Gustavus Horne. They were generals of equal worth, and their courage and experience had been

so well and so often tried, that more than ordinary regard was always given to what they said. Duke Bernard was indeed the younger man, and Horne had served longer under our great master the king; but it was hard to judge which was the better general, since they had experience enough, and shewn undeniable proofs both of their bravery and conduct.

I am obliged, in the course of my relation, so frequently to mention the great respect I often received from these great men, that it makes me sometimes jealous lest the reader may think I affect it as a vanity.

The truth is, and I am ready to confess the honours I received, upon all occasions, from persons of such worth, and who had such an eminent share in the greatest actions of that age, very much pleased me, and particularly as they gave me occasions to see every thing that was doing on the whole stage of the war; for being under no command, but at liberty to rove about, I could come to no Swedish garrison or party, but sending my name to the commanding officer, I could have the word sent me; and if I came into the army, I was often treated as I was now at this famous battle of Norlingen.

I cannot but say that I always looked upon this particular respect to be the effect of more than ordinary regard the great king of Sweden always

shewed me, rather than any merit of my own; and the veneration they all had for his memory made them continue to shew me all the marks of a suitable esteem.

But to return to the council of war — the great, and indeed the only question before us was, Shall we give battle to the Imperialists or not?—Gustavus Horne was against it, and gave, as I thought, the most invincible arguments against a battle that reason could imagine.

First, They were weaker than the enemy by above five thousand men.

Secondly, The cardinal infant of Spain, who was in the Imperial army with eight thousand men, was but there as a passenger, being going from Italy to Flanders to take upon him the government of the Low Countries; and if he saw no prospect of immediate action, would be gone in a few days.

Thirdly, They had two reinforcements, one of five thousand men under the command of colonel Cratz, and one of seven thousand men under the Rhinegrave, who were just at hand, the last within three days march of them.

Lastly, They had already saved their honour, in that they had put six hundred foot into the town of Norlingen, in the face of the enemy's army, and consequently the town might hold out some days longer.

Fate, rather than reason, certainly blinded the

rest of the generals against such arguments as these. Duke Bernard and almost all the generals were for fighting, alledging, the affront it would be to the Swedish reputation to see their friends in the town lost before their faces.

Gustavus Horne stood stiff to his cautious advice, and was against it; and I thought baron d'Offkirk treated him a little indecently, for, being very warm in the matter, he told them, "That if Gustavus Adolphus had been governed by such cowardly council, he had never been conqueror of half Germany in two years."

"No," replied old general Horne, very smartly; "but had he been now alive to have testified for me that I was never taken by him for a coward, and yet the king was never for a victory with a hazard when he could have it without."

I was asked my opinion, which I would have declined, not being in any commission; but they pressed me to speak. I told them I was for staying at least till the Rhinegrave came up, who might, if expresses were sent to hasten him, be with us in twenty-four hours. But Offkirk could not hold his passion; and, had not he been over-ruled, he would have almost quarrelled with marshal Horne. Upon which the old general, not to foment him, with a great deal of mildness, spoke thus:

"Come, Offkirk, I'll submit my opinion to you and the majority of our fellow soldiers. We

“ will fight ; but, upon my word, we shall have
“ our hands full.”

The resolution thus taken, they attacked the Imperial army. — I must confess the councils of this day seemed as confused as the resolutions of the night.

Duke Bernard was to lead the van of the left wing, and to post himself upon a hill which was on the enemy's right without their entrenchments ; so that, having secured that post, they might level their cannon upon the foot who stood behind the lines, and relieved the town at pleasure.

He marched accordingly by break of day, and falling with great fury upon eight regiments of foot which were posted at the bottom of the hill, he presently routed them, and made himself master of the post. Flushed with this success, he never regarded his own concerted measures of stopping there, and possessing what he had got, but pushed on and fell in with the main body of the enemy's army.

While this was doing Gustavus Horne attacked another post on a hill, where the Spaniards had posted and lodged themselves behind some works they had cast up on the side of the hill. Here they defended themselves with extreme obstinacy for five hours, and at last obliged the Swedes to give it over with loss.

This extraordinary gallantry of the Spaniards

was the saving of the Imperial army; for duke Bernard having all this while resisted the frequent charges of the Imperialists, and borne the weight of two thirds of their army, was not able to stand any longer; but sending one messenger on the neck of another to Gustavus Horne for more foot, he, finding he could not carry his point, had given it over, and was in full march to second the duke.

But now it was too late; for the king of Hungary, seeing the duke's men, as it were, wavering, and having notice of Horne's wheeling about to second him, fell in with all his force upon his flank, and with his Hungarian hussars made such a furious charge, that the Swedes could stand no longer.

The rout of the left wing was so much the more unhappy, as it happened just upon Gustavus Horne's coming up; for being pushed on with the enemies at their heels, they were driven upon their own friends, who, having no ground to open and give them way, were trodden down by their own runaway brethren. This brought all into the utmost confusion. The Imperialists cried "Victoria," and fell into the middle of the infantry with a terrible slaughter.

I have always observed it is fatal to upbraid an old, experienced officer with want of courage. If Gustavus Horne had not been whetted with the reproaches of baron d'Offkirk, and some of the other general officers, I believe it had saved the lives of

one thousand men; for, when all was thus lost, several officers advised him to make a retreat with such regiments as he had yet unbroken, but nothing could persuade him to stir a foot; but, turning his flank into a front, he saluted the enemy as they passed by him in pursuit of the rest with such terrible volleys of small shot, as cost them the lives of abundance of their men.

The Imperialists, eager in the pursuit, left him unbroken, till the Spanish brigade came up and charged him: these he bravely repulsed with a great slaughter, and after them a body of dragoons; till being laid at on every side, and most of his men killed, the brave old general, with all the rest who were left, were made prisoners.

The Swedes had a terrible loss here; for almost all their infantry were killed or taken prisoners. Gustavus Horne refused quarter several times, and still those that attacked him were cut down by his men, who fought like furies, and, by the example of their general, behaved themselves like lions. But at last these poor remains of a body of the bravest men in the world were forced to submit. I have heard him say, he had much rather have died than been taken, but that he yielded in compassion to so many brave men as were about him; for none of them would take quarter till he gave his consent.

I had the worst share in this battle that ever I

had in any action of my life, and that was, to be posted among as brave a body of horse as any in Germany, and yet not to be able to succour our own men, for our foot were cut in pieces, as it were, before our faces, and the situation of the ground was such as we could not fall in. All that we were able to do was to carry off about two thousand of the foot, who, running away in the rout of the left wing, rallied among our squadrons, and got away with us.

Thus we stood till we saw all was lost, and then made the best retreat we could to save ourselves, several regiments having never charged nor fired a shot; for the foot had so embarrassed themselves among the lines and works of the enemy, and in the vineyards and mountains, that the horse were rendered absolutely unserviceable.

The Rhinegrave had made such expedition to join us, that he reached within three miles of the place of action that night, and he was a great safeguard for us in rallying our dispersed men, who else had fallen into the enemy's hands, and in checking the pursuit of the enemy.

And, indeed, had but any considerable body of the foot made an orderly retreat, it had been very probable they had given the enemy a brush that would have turned the scale of victory; for our horse being whole, and in a manner untouched, the enemy found such a check in the pursuit, that

sixteen hundred of their forwardest men, following too eagerly, fell in with the Rhinegrave's advanced troops the next day, and were cut in pieces without mercy.

This gave us some satisfaction for the loss, but it was but small compared to the ruin of that day. We lost near eight thousand men upon the spot, and above three thousand prisoners, all our cannon and baggage, and one hundred and twenty colours. I thought I never made so indifferent a figure in my life, and so we thought all, to come away, lose our infantry, our general, and our honour, and never fight for it.

Duke Bernard was utterly disconsolate for old Gustavus Horne, for he concluded him killed: he tore the hair from his head like a mad man, and, telling the Rhinegrave the story of the council of war, would reproach himself with not taking his advice, often repeating it in his passion, "'Tis I," said he, "have been the death of the bravest general in Germany;" would call himself fool and boy, and such names, for not listening to the reasons of an old, experienced soldier. But when he heard he was alive in the enemy's hands he was the easier, and applied himself to the recruiting his troops, and other business of the war; and it was not long before he paid the Imperialists with interest.

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which happened the 17th of August, 1634; but the progress of the Imperialists was so great, that there was no staying at Frankfort. The chancellor Oxenstern removed to Magdeburg, duke Bernard and the landgrave marched into Alsatia, and the Imperialists carried all before them for all the rest of the campaign: they took Philippsburgh by surprise; they took Augsburgh by famine; Spire and Treves by sieges, taking the elector prisoner.

But this success did one piece of service to the Swedes, that it brought the French into the war on their side, for the elector of Treves was their confederate. The French gave the conduct of the war to duke Bernard. This, though the duke of Saxony fell off, and fought against them, turned the scale so much in their favour, that they recovered their losses, and proved a terror to all Germany. The farther accounts of the war I refer to the histories of those times, which I have since read with great delight.

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I spent some time in Holland viewing the wonderful power of art which I observed in the fortifications of their towns, where the very bastions stand on bottomless morasses, and yet are as firm as any in the world. There I had the opportunity to see the Dutch army, and their famous general, prince Maurice.

It is true the men behaved themselves well in action, when they were put to it; but the prince's way of beating his enemies, without fighting, was so unlike the gallantry of my royal instructor, that it had no manner of relish with me.

Gustavus Adolphus's way was always to seek out the enemy and fight him; and give the Imperialists their due, they were seldom hard to be found, but were as free of their flesh as we were.

Whereas prince Maurice would lie in a camp till he starved half his men, if by lying there he could but starve two thirds of his enemy's; so that indeed the war in Holland had more of fatigues and hardships in it, and ours had more of fighting and blows: hasty marches, long and unwholesome encampments, winter parties, counter-marching, dodging, and entrenching, were the exercises of his men, and oftentimes killed him more men with hunger, cold, and diseases, than he could do with fighting.

Not that it required less courage, but rather more; for a soldier had, at any time, rather die in the field by a musquet than be starved with hunger, or frozen to death in the trenches.

Nor do I think I lessen the reputation of that prince; for it is most certain he ruined the Spaniards more by spinning the war thus out in length than he could possibly have done by a swift conquest: for had he, Adolphus like, with a torrent of victory dislodged the Spaniard of all the twelve provinces in five years, whereas he was forty years beating them out of seven, he had left them rich and strong at home, and able to keep him in constant apprehensions of a return of their power.

Whereas, by the long continuance of the war, he so broke the very heart of the Spanish monarchy, so absolutely and irrecoverably impoverished them, that they have ever since languished of the disease, till they are fallen from the most powerful to be the most despicable nation in the world.

The prodigious charge the king of Spain was at in losing the seven provinces broke the very spirit of the nation, and that so much, that all the wealth of their Peruvian mountains have not been able to retrieve it.

King Philip having often declared that war, besides his armada for invading England, had cost him three hundred and seventy millions of ducats, and four millions of the best soldiers in Europe;

whereof, by an unreasonable Spanish obstinacy, above sixty thousand lost their lives before Ostend, a town not worth a sixth part either of the blood or money it cost in a siege of three years, and which at last he had never taken, but that prince Maurice thought it not worth the charge of defending it any longer.

However, I say, their way of fighting in Holland did not relish with me at all. The prince lay a long time before a little fort called Shenksens, which the Spaniard took by surprise; and I thought he might have taken it much sooner. Perhaps it might be my mistake; but I fancied my hero, the king of Sweden, would have carried it sword in hand in half the time.

However it was, I did not like it; so, in the latter end of the year, I came to the Hague, and took shipping for England, where I arrived, to the great satisfaction of my father and all my friends.

My father was then in London, and carried me to kiss the king's hand. His majesty was pleased to receive me, and to say a great many very obliging things to my father upon my account.

I spent my time very retired from court; for I was almost wholly in the country; and it being so much different from my genius, which hankered after a warmer sport than hunting among our Welsh mountains, I could not but be peeping in all the foreign accounts from Germany to see who and who

were together. I could never hear of a battle, and the Germans being beaten, but I began to wish myself there.

But when an account came of the progress of John Bannier, the Swedish general in Saxony, and of the constant victories he had there over the Saxons, I could no longer contain myself, and told my father this life was very disagreeable to me; that I lost my time here, and might to much more advantage go into Germany, where I was sure I might make my fortune upon my own terms; that, as young as I was, I might have been a general officer by this time, if I had not laid down my commission; that general Bannier, or general Horne, had either of them so much respect for me, that I was sure I might have any thing of them; and if he pleased to give me leave, I would go to Germany again.

My father was very unwilling to let me go; but, seeing me uneasy, said, that if I was resolved to ramble again, he would oblige me to stay no longer in England than the next spring, and then I should have his consent.

The winter following began to look very unpleasant upon us in England, and my father used often to sigh at it, and would sometimes lament he was afraid we should have no need to send Englishmen to fight in Germany.

The cloud that seemed to threaten most was from

Scotland. My father, who had made himself master of the arguments on both sides, used to be often saying he feared there was some about the king who exasperated him too much against the Scots, and drove things too high.

For my part, I confess I did not much trouble my head with the cause; and all my concern was, they would not fall out; and we should have no fighting. I have often reflected since, that I ought to have known better, that had seen how the most flourishing provinces of Germany were reduced to the most miserable condition that ever any country in the world was, by the ravagings of soldiers, and the calamities of war.

How much soever I was to blame, yet so it was, I had a secret joy at the news of the king's raising an army, and nothing could have withheld me from appearing in it; but my eagerness was anticipated by an express the king sent to my father to know if his son was in England; and my father having ordered me to carry the answer myself, I waited upon his majesty with the messenger. The king received me with his usual kindness, and asked me if I was willing to serve him against the Scots?

I answered, I was ready to serve him against any that his majesty thought fit to account his enemies, and should esteem it an honour to receive his commands. Hereupon his majesty offered me a commission. I told him I supposed there would not be

much time for raising of men; that if his majesty pleased I would be at the rendezvous with as many gentlemen as I could get together to serve his majesty as volunteers.

The truth is, I found all the regiments of horse the king designed to raise were but two, as regiments; the rest of the horse were such as the nobility raised in their several counties, and commanded them themselves. As I had commanded a regiment of horse abroad, I said it was lessening my reputation to serve with a single troop at home; and, by the king's answer, it appeared he thought so himself.

"Indeed, Cavalier, it will be a volunteer war, for the northern gentry have sent me an account of above four thousand horse they have already."

I bowed, and told his majesty I was glad to hear his subjects were so forward to serve him; so, taking his majesty's orders to be at York by the end of March, I took my leave of the king.

My father was very glad I had not taken a commission, for I know, not from what kind of emulation between the western and northern gentry, the gentlemen of our side were not very forward in the service; their loyalty to the king in the succeeding times made it appear it was not from any disaffection to his majesty's interest or person, or to the cause; but this, however, made it difficult for me, when I came home, to get any gentleman

of quality to serve with me; so that I presented myself to his majesty only as a volunteer, with eight gentlemen, and about thirty-six countrymen, well mounted and armed.

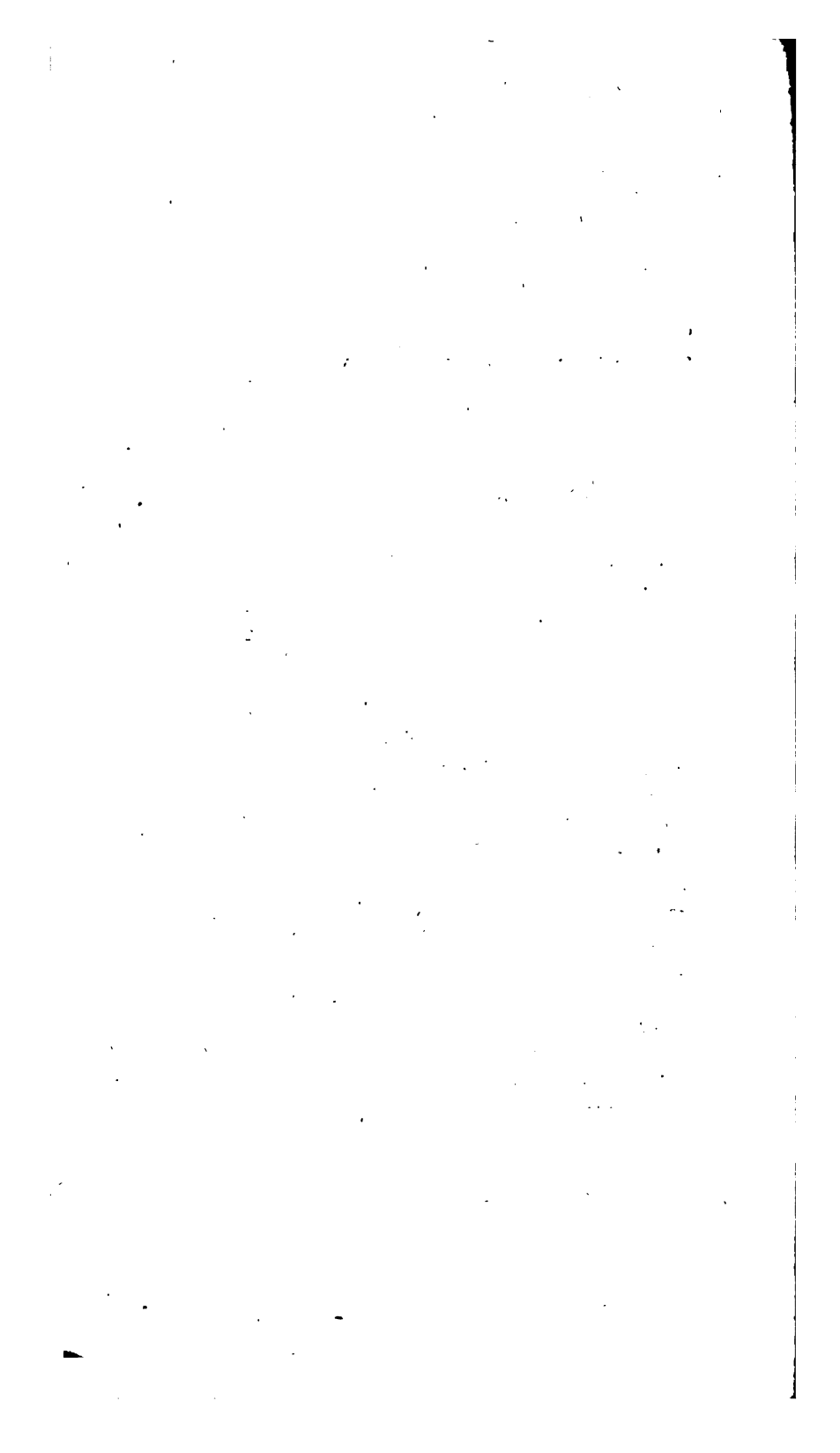
And as it proved, these were enough, for this expedition ended in an accommodation with the Scots; and they not advancing so much as to their own borders, we never came to any action; but the armies lay in the counties of Northumberland and Dutham, eat up the country, and spent the king a vast sum of money, and so this war ended, a pacification was made, and both sides returned.

Here I cannot help remarking, I never before saw such a despicable appearance of men in arms to begin a war; whether it was that I had seen so many braver armies abroad that prejudiced me against them, or that really it was so, for to me they seemed little better than a rabble met together to devour, rather than fight, for their king and country. There was, indeed, a great appearance of gentlemen, and those of extraordinary quality; but their garb, their equipages, and their mien, had not the appearance of war; their troops were filled with footmen and servants, and most wretchedly armed.

I believe I may say, without vanity, one regiment of Finland horse would have made sport at beating them all. There were such crowds of persons, for this was a church war in particular, that

the camp and court was full of them; and the king was so eternally besieged with clergymen of one fort or other, that it gave offence to the chief of the nobility.

As was the appearance, so was the service—the army marched to the borders, and the head quarter was at Berwick upon Tweed; but the Scots never appeared, no, not so much as their scouts; whereupon the king called a council of war, and there it was resolved to send the earl of Holland, with a party of horse, into Scotland, to learn some news of the enemy; and truly, the first news we heard was, that, finding their army encamped about Coldingham, fifteen miles from Berwick, as soon as he appeared the Scots drew out a party to charge him; upon which most of the men halted—I do not say run away, but it was next kin to it; for they could not be persuaded to fire their pieces, and wheel off like foldiers, but retreated in such a disorderly and shameful manner, that had the enemy but either the courage or conduct to have followed them, it must have certainly ended in the ruin of the whole party.



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would not have turned his horse from an army of enemies, nor have saved his life at the price of running away for it.

My lord soon saw as well as I the fright the men were in after I had given him a hint of it; and to encourage them rode through their ranks, and spoke cheerfully to them, and used what arguments he thought proper to settle their minds.

I remembered a saying which I had heard old marshal Gustavus Horne speak in Germany—"If you find your men falter, or in doubt, never suffer them to halt, but keep them advancing, for while they are going forward it keeps up their courage."

As soon as I could get an opportunity to speak to him, I gave him this as my opinion.—"I approve of it," said my lord; "but I am studying to post them so that they cannot run if they would; and if they stand but once to face the enemy, I do not fear them afterwards."

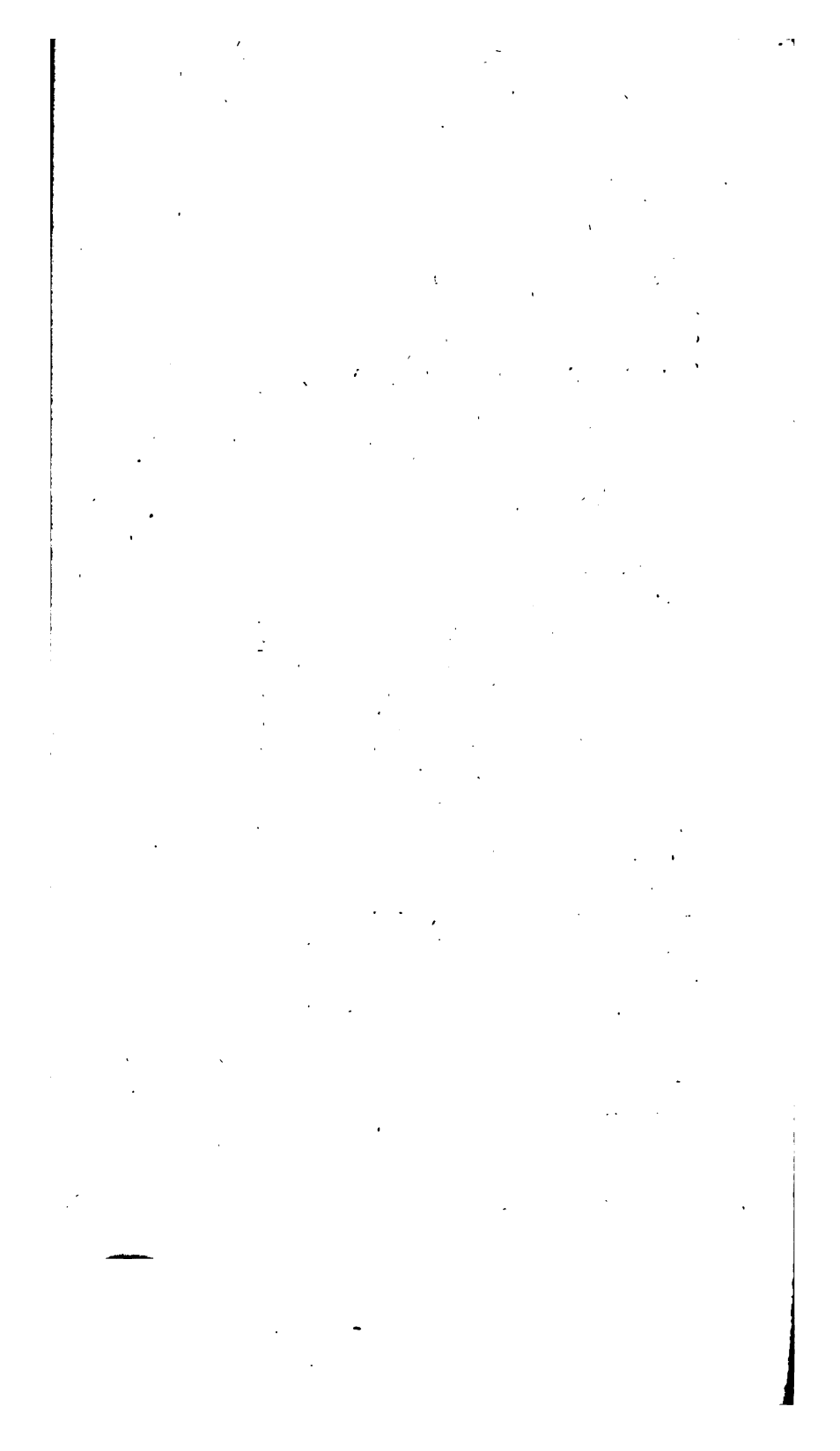
While we were discoursing thus word was brought that several parties of the enemy were seen on the farther side of the river; upon which my lord gave the word to march, and as we were marching on my lord called out a lieutenant who had been an old soldier, with only five troopers whom he had most confidence in, and having given him his lesson, he sent him away: in a quarter of an hour one of the five troopers came back galloping and

hallooing, and told us his lieutenant had with his small party beaten twenty of the enemy's horse over the river, and had secured the pass, and desired my lord would march up to him immediately.

It is strange that men's spirits should be subject to such sudden changes, and capable of so much alteration from shadows of things. They were for running before they saw the enemy; now they are in haste to be led on, and but that in raw men we are obliged to bear with any thing, the disorder in both was intolerable.

The story was a premeditated sham, and not a word of truth in it, invented to raise their spirits, and cheat them out of their cowardly, phlegmatic apprehensions, and my lord had his end in it, for they were all on fire to fall on; and I am persuaded, had they been led immediately into a battle begun to their hands, they would have laid about them like furies, for there is nothing like victory to flush a young soldier.

Thus, while the humour was high, and the fermentation lasted, away we marched; and passing one of their great commons, which they call moors, we came to the river, as he called it, where our lieutenant was posted with his four men: it was a little brook, fordable with ease; and, leaving a guard at the pass, we advanced to the top of a small ascent, from whence we had a fair view of



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Now was the king absolutely ruined; for among his own people the discontents before were so plain, that; had the clergy had any forecast, they would never have embroiled him with the Scots till he had fully brought matters to an understanding at home: but the case was thus:

The king, by the good husbandry of bishop Juxon, his treasurer, had a million of ready money in his treasury, and, upon that account, having no need of a parliament, had not called one in twelve years, and perhaps had never called another, if he had not, by this unhappy circumstance, been reduced to an extremity; for now the above money was spent in two foolish expeditions, and his army appeared in a condition not fit to engage the Scots. The detachment under Sir Jacob Astley, which were of the flower of his men, had been routed at Newbourn, and the enemy had possession of two entire counties.

Archbishop Laud was universally blamed for prompting the king to provoke the Scots, a headstrong nation, and zealous for their own way of worship; and Laud himself found too late the consequences of it, both to the whole cause and to himself; for the Scots, whose native temper is not easily to forgive an injury, pursued him, by their party in England, and never gave it over till they laid his head on the block.

The ruined country now clamoured in his majesty's ears with daily petitions, and the gentry of other neighbouring counties cried out for peace and a parliament. The king, embarrassed with these difficulties, and quite empty of money, called a great council of the nobility at York, and demanded their advice, which any one could have told him before would be to call a parliament.

I cannot, without regret, look back upon the misfortune of the king, who, as he was one of the best princes in his personal conduct, had yet some of the greatest unhappinesses in his conduct, as a king, that ever prince had, and the whole course of his life demonstrated it.

1. Impolitic honesty. His enemies called it obstinacy: but as I was perfectly acquainted with his temper, I cannot but think it was his judgement, when he thought he was in the right, to adhere to it as a duty, though against his interest.

2. Too much compliance when he was complying.

No man but himself would have denied what at sometimes he denied, and have granted what at other times he granted; and this uncertainty of counsel proceeded from two causes :

1. The heat of the clergy, to whom he was exceedingly devoted, and for whom indeed he ruined himself.

2. The wisdom of his nobility.

Thus, when the counsel of his bishops prevailed, all was fire and fury : the Scots were rebels, and must be subdued ; and the parliament's demands were to be rejected as exorbitant.

But whenever the king's judgement was led by the grave and steady advice of his nobility and counsellors, he was always inclined by them to temperate his measures between the two extremes : and had he gone on in such a temper, he had never met with the misfortunes which afterward attended him, or had so many thousands of his friends lost their lives and fortunes in his service.

I am sure we that knew what it was to fight for him, and that loved him better than any of the clergy could pretend to, have had many a consultation how to bring over our master from so espousing their interest as to ruin himself for it ; but it was in vain.

I took this interval, when I sat still and only looked on, to make these remarks, because I remember the best friends the king had were at this time of that opinion. That it was an unaccountable piece of indiscretion to commence a quarrel with the Scots, a poor and obstinate people, for a ceremony and a book of church discipline, at a time when the king stood but upon indifferent terms with his people at home.

The consequence was, it put arms into the hands of his subjects to rebel against him; it embroiled him with his parliament in England, to whom he was soon to stoop in a fatal and unusual manner to get money, all his own being spent, and so to buy off the Scots, whom he could not beat off.

I cannot but give one instance of the unaccountable politics of his ministers. If they over-ruled this unhappy king to it, with design to exhaust and impoverish him, they were the worst of traitors; if not, the grossest of fools.

They prompted the king to equip a fleet against the Scots, and to put on board it five thousand landmen. Had this been all, the design had been good; that while the king had faced the army upon the borders, these five thousand landing in the frith of Edinburgh might have put that whole nation into confusion. But, in order to this, they advise the king to lay out his money in fitting out the

biggest ships he had, and the Royal Sovereign, the largest ship the world had then ever seen, which cost him no less than one hundred thousand pounds, was now built, fitted out for this voyage.

This was the most incongruous and ridiculous advice that could be given, and made us all believe we were betrayed, though we knew not by whom.

To fit out ships of one hundred guns to invade Scotland, which had not one man of war in the world, nor any open confederacy with any prince or state that had any fleet, it was a most ridiculous thing. A hundred sail of Newcastle colliers to carry the men, with their stores and provisions, and ten frigates of forty guns each, had been as good a fleet as reason and the nature of the thing could have made tolerable.

Thus things were carried on, until the king, reduced by the mismanagement of his counsels, and beaten by the Scots, was driven to the necessity of calling a parliament in England.

It is not my design to enter into the feuds and wrangles of this parliament. I have noted, by observations of their mistakes, who brought the king to this unhappy necessity of calling them.

His majesty had tried parliaments upon several occasions before, but never found himself so much embroiled with them but he could send them home,

and there was an end of it; but as he could not avoid calling these, so they took care to put him out of a condition to dismiss them.

The Scots army was now quartered upon the English. The counties, the gentry, and the assembly of lords at York, petitioned for a parliament.

The Scots presented their demands to the king, in which it was observed that matters were concerted between them and a party in England; and I confess, when I saw that, I began to think the king in an ill case.

For as the Scots pretended grievances, we thought, the king redressing those grievances, they could ask no more; and therefore all men advised the king to grant their full demands. And whereas the king had not money to supply the Scots in their march home, I know there were several meetings of gentlemen with a design to advance considerable sums of money to the king to set him free, and in order to reinstate his majesty as before.

Not that we ever advised the king to rule without a parliament, but we were very desirous of putting him out of the necessity of calling them, at least, just then.

But the eighth article of the Scots demands expressly required that an English parliament might be called to remove all obstructions of commerce,

and to settle peace, religion, and liberty; and in another article they tell the king, the 24th of September, being the time his majesty appointed for the meeting of the peers, will make it too long ere the parliament meet.

And in another, that a parliament was the only way of settling peace, and bringing them to his majesty's obedience.

When we saw this in the army, it was time to look about. Every body perceived that the Scots army would call an English parliament; and whatever aversion the king had to it, we saw he would be obliged to comply with it; and now they began to see their error who advised the king to this Scotch war.

While these things were transacting, the assembly of the peers met at York, and by their advice a treaty was begun with the Scots. I had the honour to be sent with the first message, which was in writing.

I brought it, attended with a trumpet and a guard of five hundred horse, to the Scots quarters. I was stopped at Darlington, and my errand being known, general Lefly sent a Scots major and fifty horse to receive me, but would let neither my trumpet nor guard set foot within their quarters.

In this manner I was conducted to audience in the chapter house at Durham, where a committee

of Scots lords, who attended the army, received me very courteously, and gave me their answer in writing also.

It was in this answer that they shewed, at least to me, their design of embroiling the king with his English subjects : they discoursed very freely with me, and did not order me to withdraw when they debated their private opinions : they drew up several answers, but did not like them ; at last they offered me one, which I did not receive—I thought it was too insolent to be borne with : as near as I can remember it was thus :

“ The commissioners of Scotland, attending the
“ service in the army, do refuse any treaty in the
“ city of York.”

One of the commissioners, who treated me with more distinction than the rest, gave me an opportunity, by the kindness of his discourse, to speak more freely of this than I expected.

I told them, if they would return to his majesty an answer fit for me to carry, or if they would say they would not treat at all, I would deliver such a message.

I then beseeched them to consider the answer was to their sovereign, and to whom they made a great profession of duty and respect ; and at least they ought to give their reasons why they declined a treaty at York ; and to name some other place, or

to desire his majesty to name some other : but to send word they would not treat at York, I could deliver no such message, for, when fully considered, it would signify they would not treat at all.

I used a great many reasons and arguments with them on this head ; and at last, with some difficulty, obtained of them to give the reason, which was, the earl of Strafford's having the chief command at York, whom they denounced their mortal enemy, he having declared them rebels in Ireland.

With this answer I returned. I could make no observation in the short time I was with them ; for as I staid but one night, so I was guarded as a close prisoner all the while. I saw several of their officers whom I knew, but they durst not speak to me ; and if they would have ventured, my guard would not have permitted them.

In this manner I was conducted out of their quarters to my own party again ; and having delivered my message to the king, and told his majesty the circumstances, I saw the king receive the account of the haughty behaviour of the Scots with some regret : however, it was his majesty's time now to bear, and therefore the Scots were complied with, and the treaty appointed at Rippon, where, after much debate, several preliminary articles were agreed on, as a cessation of arms,

quarters and bounds to the armies, subsistence to the Scots army; and the residue of the demands was referred to a treaty at London.

We were all amazed at the treaty, and I cannot but remember we used to wish much rather we had been suffered to fight; for, though we had been worsted at first, the power and strength of the king's interest, which was not yet tried, must, in the end, have been too strong for the Scots; whereas now we saw the king was for complying with any thing, and all his friends would be ruined.

I confess I had nothing to fear, and so was not much concerned; but our predictions soon came to pass: for no sooner was this parliament called, but abundance of those who had embroiled their king with his people of both kingdoms, like the Disciples, when their master was betrayed to the Jews, forsook him and fled.

And now parliament tyranny began to succeed church tyranny, and we soldiers were glad to see it at first. The bishops trembled; the judges went to jail; the officers of the customs were laid hold on; and the parliament began to lay their fingers on the great ones, particularly archbishop Laud and the earl of Strafford.

We had no great concern for the first; but the last was a man of so much conduct and gallantry, and so beloved by the soldiers and principal gentry

of England, that every body was touched with his misfortune.

The parliament now grew mad in their turn; and as the prosperity of any party is the time to shew their discretion, the parliament shewed they knew as little where to stop as other people. The king was not in a condition to deny any thing, and, shortly after, whatever was demanded was complied with.

They attainted the earl of Strafford, and, metaphorically, made the king cut off his right hand to save his left, and yet not save it neither: they obtained another bill, to empower them to sit during their own pleasure, and after them triennial parliaments to meet, whether the king call them or not; and granting this completed his majesty's ruin.

Had the house only regulated the abuses of the court, punished evil counsellors, and restored parliaments to their original and just powers, all had been well, and the king, though he had been more than mortified, had yet reaped the benefit of future peace; for now the Scots were sent home, after having eaten up two counties, and received a prodigious sum of money to boot: and the king, though too late, went in person to Edinburgh, and granted them all they could desire, and more than they asked; but in England the desires were unbounded, and drove at all extremes.

They threw out the bishops from sitting in the house, made a protestation equivalent to the Scotch covenant; and, this done, printed their remonstrance. This so provoked the king, that he resolved upon seizing five of the members *, and in an ill hour entered the House of Commons in person to take them. Thus one imprudent thing on one hand produced another on the other hand, until the king was obliged to leave them to themselves, for fear of receiving treatment unworthy of himself.

These proceedings began to alarm the gentry and nobility of England; for however willing we were to have evil counsellors removed, and the government return to a settled and legal course, according to the happy constitution of this nation, and might have been forward enough to have owned the king had been misled and imposed upon to do things which he had rather had not been done, yet it did not follow that all the powers and prerogatives of the crown should devolve upon the parliament, and the king, in a manner, be deposed, or else sacrificed to the fury of the rabble.

The heats of the house running them thus to all extremes, and at last to take from the king the power of the militia, which indeed was all that

* Denzil Hollis, Sir Arthur Haslerig, John Pym, John Hampden, and William Stroud.

was left to make him any thing of a king, put him upon opposing force with force; and thus the flame of civil war began.

However backward I was in engaging in the second year's expedition against the Scots, I was as forward now; for I waited on the king at York, where a gallant company of gentlemen as ever were seen in England engaged themselves to enter into his service; and here some of us formed ourselves into troops for the guard of his person.

The king having been waited upon by the gentry of Yorkshire, and having told them his resolution of erecting his royal standard, and received from them hearty assurances of support, dismissed them, and marched to Hull, where lay the train of artillery, and all the arms and ammunition belonging to the northern army which had been disbanded.

But here the parliament had been beforehand with his majesty; so that when he came to Hull he found the gates shut, and Sir John Hotham, the governor upon the walls, though with a great deal of seeming humility and protestations of loyalty to his person, yet with a positive denial to admit any of the king's attendants into the town.

If his majesty pleased to enter the town in person, with any reasonable number of his household, he would submit, but could not be prevailed on to receive the king, as he would be received, with

his forces, though those forces were then but very few.

The king was exceedingly provoked at this repulse, and indeed it was a great surprise to us all; for certainly never prince began a war against the whole strength of his kingdom under the circumstances that he was in. He had not a garrison, or a company of soldiers in his pay; not a stand of arms, or a barrel of powder, a musquet, cannon, or mortar; not a ship of all the fleet, or money in his treasury to procure them: whereas the parliament had all his navy and ordnance, stores, magazines, arms, ammunition, and revenue, in their keeping.

And this I take to be another defect of the king's counsel, and a sad instance of the distraction of his affairs, that when he saw how all things were going to wreck, as it was impossible but he should see it, and it is plain he did see it, that he should not, long enough before it came to extremities, secure the navy, magazines, and stores of war, in the hands of his trusty servants, that would have been sure to have preserved them for his use at a time when he wanted them.

It cannot be supposed but the gentry of England, who generally preserved their loyalty for their royal master, and at last heartily shewed it, were exceedingly discouraged at first, when they saw the parliament had all the means of making

war in their own hands, and the king was naked and destitute either of arms or ammunition, or money to procure them.

Not but that the king, by extraordinary application, recovered the disorder the want of these things had thrown him into, and supplied himself with all things needful.

But my observation was this — had his majesty had the magazines, navy, and forts, in his own hand, the gentry, who wanted but the prospect of something to encourage them, had come in at first, and the parliament, being unprovided, would have been presently reduced to reason.

But this was it that hindered the gentry of Yorkshire, who went home again, giving the king good promises, but never appeared for him till, by raising a good army in Shropshire and Wales, he marched towards London, and they saw there was a prospect of their being supported.

In this condition the king erected his standard at Nottingham, August 22d, 1642; and I confess I had very melancholy apprehensions of the king's affairs, for the appearance to the royal standard was but small. The affront the king had met with at Hull had dispirited the northern gentry, and the king's affairs looked with a very dismal aspect.

We had expressses from London of the prodigious success of the parliament's levies, how their men came in faster than they could entertain them,

and that arms were delivered out to whole companies lifted together; and all this while the king had not got together a thousand foot, and had no arms for them neither.

When the king saw this, he immediately dispatched five several messengers, whereof one went to the marquis of Worcester into Wales; one to the queen, then at Windsor; one to the duke of Newcastle, then earl of Newcastle, into the north; one into Scotland, and one into France, where the queen soon after arrived to raise money and buy arms, and to get what assistance she could among her own friends.

Nor was her majesty idle, for she sent over several ships laden with arms and ammunition, with a fine train of artillery, and a great many very good officers; and though one of the first fell into the hands of the parliament, with three hundred barrels of powder and some arms, and one hundred and fifty gentlemen, yet most of the gentlemen found means to get to us, and most of the ships the queen freighted arrived; and at last her majesty came herself, and brought an extraordinary supply of men, money, and arms, with which she joined the king's forces, under the earl of Newcastle, in the north.

Finding his majesty active to muster his friends together, I asked him if he thought it might not be for his majesty's service to let me go among

my friends, and his loyal subjects about Shrewsbury?

“ Yes,” said the king, smiling, “ I intend you
“ shall, Cavalier, and I design to go with you
“ myself.”

I did not understand what the king meant then, and did not think it good manners to inquire; but the next day I found all things disposed for a march, and the king on horseback by eight in the morning; when, calling me to him, he told me I should go before, and let my father and all my friends know he would be at Shrewsbury the Saturday following.

I left my equipages, and, taking post with only one servant, was at my father's the next morning by break of day. My father was not surpris'd at the news of the king's coming; for, it seems, he, together with the loyal gentry of those parts, had sent particularly to give the king an invitation to move that way, which I was not made privy to, with an account what encouragement they had there in the endeavours made for his interest.

In short, the whole country was entirely for the king; and such was the universal joy the people shewed when the news of his majesty's coming down was positively known, that all manner of business was laid aside, and the whole body of the people seemed to be resolv'd upon the war.

As this gave a new face to the king's affairs, so

I must own it filled me with joy ; for I was astonished before, when I considered what the king and his friends were like to be exposed to. The news of the proceedings of the parliament, and their powerful preparations, were now no more terrible. The king came at the time appointed, and having lain at my father's house one night, entered Shrewsbury in the morning.

The acclamations of the people, the concurrence of the nobility and gentry about his person, and the crowds which now came every day in to his standard, were incredible.

The loyalty of the English gentry was not only worthy notice, but their power also was extraordinary visible ; for the king, in about six weeks, which was the most of his stay at Shrewsbury, was supplied with money, arms, ammunition, and a train of artillery, and had enlisted an army of upwards of twenty thousand men.

His majesty, seeing the general alacrity of his people, immediately issued out commissions, and formed regiments of horse and foot ; and having some experienced officers about him, together with about sixteen who came from France with a ship loaded with arms and some field pieces, which came very seasonably into the Severn, the men were exercised, regularly disciplined, and quartered ; and now we began to look like soldiers.

My father had raised a regiment of horse at his

own charge, and the king gave out arms to them from the supplies which I mentioned came from abroad. Another party of horse, all brave stout fellows, and well mounted, came in from Lancashire, and the earl of Derby at the head of them.

The Welchmen came in by droves; and so great was the concourse of people, that the king began to think of marching, and gave the command, as well as the trust of regulating the army, to the earl of Lindsey, as general of the foot.

The parliament general being the earl of Essex, two braver men, or two better officers, were not in the kingdom: they had both been old soldiers, and had served together as volunteers, in the Low-country wars, under prince Maurice. They had been comrades and companions abroad, and now came to face one another, as enemies, in the field at home.

Such was the expedition used by the king and his friends in the levies of this first army, that, notwithstanding the wonderful expedition the parliament made, the king was in the field before them; and now the gentry in other parts of the nation bestirred themselves, and seized upon and garrisoned several considerable places for the king.

In the north, the earl of Newcastle not only garrisoned the most considerable places, but even the general possession of the north was for the king, excepting Hull, and some few places which the

old lord Fairfax had taken up for the parliament. On the other hand, entire Cornwall and most of western counties were the king's. The parliament had their chief interest in the south and eastern part of England, as Kent, Surrey, and Suffex, Effex, Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambridge, Bedford, Huntingdon, Hertford, Buckinghamshire, and the other midland counties.

These were called, or some of them at least, the associated counties, and felt little of the war, other than the charges; but the main support of the parliament was the city of London. The king made the seat of his court at Oxford, which he caused to be regularly fortified. The lord Say had been here, and had possession of the city for the enemy, and was debating about fortifying it, but came to no resolution, which was a very great oversight in them, the situation of the place, and the importance of it, on many accounts, to the city of London considered; and they would have retrieved this error afterwards, but then it was too late, for the king made it the head quarter, and received great supplies and assistance from the wealth of the colleges and the plenty of the neighbouring country.

Abingdon, Wallingford, Basingstoke, and Reading, were all garrisoned and fortified as outworks to defend this as the center: and thus all England became the theatre of blood, and war was spread

into every corner of the country, though as yet there was not a stroke struck.

I had no command in this army : my father led his own regiment, and, old as he was, would not leave his royal master ; and my elder brother staid at home to support the family. As for me, I rode a volunteer in the royal troop of guards, which may very well deserve the title of a royal troop, for it was composed of young gentlemen, sons of the nobility and some of the prime gentry of the nation, and I think not a person of so mean a birth or fortune as myself.

We reckoned in this troop two-and-thirty lords, or who came afterwards to be such ; and eight and thirty of younger sons of the nobility, five French noblemen, and all the rest gentlemen of very good families and estates.

And that I may give the due to their personal valour, many of this troop lived afterwards to have regiments and troops under their command in the service of the king ; many of them lost their lives for him, and most of them their estates : nor did they behave unworthy of themselves in their first shewing their faces to the enemy, as shall be mentioned in its place.

While the king remained at Shrewsbury his loyal friends bestirred themselves in several parts of the kingdom. Goring had secured Portsmouth ; but being young in matters of war, and not in time

relieved, though the marquis of Hertford was marching to relieve him, yet he was obliged to quit the place, and shipped himself for Holland, from whence he returned with relief for the king, and afterwards did very good service upon all occasions, and so effectually cleared himself of the scandal the hasty surrender of Portsmouth had brought upon his courage.

The chief power of the king's forces lay in three places—in Cornwall, in Yorkshire, and at Shrewsbury. In Cornwall, Sir Ralph Hopton, afterwards lord Hopton, Sir Bevil Granvil, and Sir Nicholas Slamming, secured all the country, and afterwards spread themselves over Devonshire and Somersetshire, took Exeter from the parliament, fortified Bridgwater and Barnstaple, and beat Sir William Waller at the battle of Roundway Down, as I shall mention more particularly when I come to recite the part of my own travels that way.

In the north, the marquis of Newcastle secured all the country, garrisoned York, Scarborough, Carlisle, Newcastle, Pomfret, Leeds, and all the considerable places, and took the field with a very good army, though afterwards he proved more unsuccessful than the rest, having the whole power of a kingdom at his back, the Scots coming in with an army to the assistance of the parliament, which indeed was the general turn of the scale of the war; for, had it not been for this Scots army,

the king had most certainly reduced the parliament, at least to good terms of peace, in two years time.

The king's force at Shrewsbury I have related already : the alacrity of the gentry filled him with hopes, and all his army with vigour, and the 8th of October, 1642, his majesty gave orders to march. The earl of Essex had spent above a month after his leaving London (for he went thence the 9th of September) in modelling and drawing together his forces : his rendezvous was at St. Alban's, from whence he marched to Northampton, Coventry, and Warwick, and leaving garrisons in them, he came on to Worcester.

Being thus advanced, he possessed Oxford, as I noted before, Banbury, Bristol, Gloucester, and Worcester, out of all which places, except Gloucester, we drove him back to London in a very little while.

Sir John Biron had raised a very good party of five hundred horse, most gentlemen, for the king, and had possessed Oxford ; but on the approach of the lord Say quitted it, being now but an open town, and retreated to Worcester ; from whence, on the approach of Essex's army, he retreated to the king.

And now all things grew ripe for action, both parties having secured their posts, and settled their schemes of the war, taking their posts and places as their measures and opportunities directed. Th

field was next in their eye, and the soldiers began to inquire when they should fight, for as yet there had been little or no blood drawn, and it was not long before they had enough of it; for I believe I may challenge all the historians in Europe to tell me of any war in the world where, in the space of four years, there were so many pitched battles, sieges, fights, and skirmishes, as in this war.

We never encamped or entrenched, never fortified the avenues to our posts, or lay fenced with rivers and defiles. Here were no leaguers in the field, as at the story of Nuremburg; neither had our soldiers any tents, or what they call heavy baggage. It was the general maxim of this war, Where is the enemy? Let us go and fight them: or, on the other hand, if the enemy was coming, What was to be done? Why, what should be done? Draw out into the field and fight them.

I cannot say it was the prudence of the parties, and had the king fought less he had gained more; and I shall remark several times when the eagerness of fighting was the worst counsel, and proved our loss. This benefit, however, happened in general to the country, that it made a quick, though a bloody, end of the war, which otherwise had lasted till it might have ruined the whole nation.

On the 10th of October the king's army was in full march; his majesty, generalissimo; the earl of Lindsey, general of the foot; prince Rupert, ge-

neral of the horse; and the first action in the field was by prince Rupert and Sir John Biron. Sir John had brought his body of five hundred horse, as I have said, from Oxford to Worcester; the lord Say, with a strong party, being in the neighbourhood of Oxford, and expected in the town, colonel Sandys, a hot man, and who had more courage than judgement, advanced with fifteen hundred horse and dragoons, with design to beat Sir John Biron out of Worcester, and took post there for the parliament.

The king had notice that the earl of Essex designed for Worcester, and prince Rupert was ordered to advance with a body of horse and dragoons to face the enemy, and bring off Sir John Biron. This his majesty did to amuse the earl of Essex, that he might expect him that way; whereas the king's design was to get between the earl of Essex's army and the city of London, and his majesty's end was doubly answered, for he not only drew Essex on to Worcester, where he spent more time than he needed, but he beat the party into the bargain.

I went volunteer in this party, and rid in my father's regiment; for though we really expected not to see the enemy, yet I was tired with lying still. We came to Worcester just as notice was brought to Sir John Biron that a party of the enemy was on their march for Worcester; upon

which the prince, immediately consulting what was to be done, resolved to march the next morning and fight them.

The enemy, who lay at Perfhore, about eight miles from Worcester, and, as I believe, had no notice of our march, came on very confidently in the morning, and found us ready drawn up to receive them. I must confess this was the bluntest, downright way of making war that ever was seen.

The enemy, who, in all the little knowledge I had of war, ought to have discovered our numbers, and guessed by our posture what our design was, might easily have informed themselves that we intended to attack them, and so might have secured the advantage of a bridge in their front; but, without any regard to these methods of policy, they came on at all hazards.

Upon this notice my father proposed to the prince to halt for them, and suffer ourselves to be attacked, since we found them willing to give us the advantage. The prince approved of the advice; so we halted within view of a bridge, leaving space enough on our front for about half the number of their force to pass and draw up; and at the bridge was posted about fifty dragoons, with orders to retire as soon as the enemy advanced, as if they had been afraid.

On the right of the road was a ditch, and a very high bank behind, where we had placed three

hundred dragoons, with orders to lye flat on their faces till the enemy had passed the bridge, and to let fly among them as soon as our trumpets sounded a charge.

Nobody but colonel Sandys would have been caught in such a snare; for he might easily have seen that when he was over the bridge there was not room enough for him to fight in; but the Lord of Hosts was so much in their mouths, (for that was the word for that day) that they took little heed how to conduct the host of the Lord to their own advantage.

As we expected, they appeared, beat our dragoons from the bridge, and passed it. We stood firm in one line with a reserve, and expected a charge; but colonel Sandys shewing a great deal more judgement than we thought he was master of, extended himself to the left, finding the ground too straight, and began to form his men with a great deal of readiness and skill; for by this time he saw our number was greater than he expected.

The prince perceiving it, and foreseeing that the stratagem of the dragoons would be frustrated by this, immediately charges with the horse, and the dragoons at the same time, standing upon their feet, poured in their shot upon those that were passing the bridge. This surprise put them into such disorder, that we had but little work with them; for though colonel Sandys with the troops

next him sustained the shock extremely well, and behaved themselves gallantly, yet the confusion beginning in their rear, those that had not yet passed the bridge were kept back by the fire of the dragons, and the rest were easily cut to pieces.

Colonel Sandys was mortally wounded and taken prisoner; and the crowd was so great to get back, that many pushed into the water, and were rather smothered than drowned. Some of them, who never came into the fight, were so frightened, that they never looked behind them until they came to Pershore; and, as we were afterwards informed, the life-guards of the general, who had quartered in the town, left it in great disorder, expecting us at the heels of their men.

If our business had been to keep the parliament army from coming to Worcester, we had a very good opportunity to have secured the bridge at Pershore; but our design lay another way, as I have said, and the king was for drawing Essex on to the Severn, in hopes to get behind him, which fell out accordingly.

Essex, spurred by this affront in the infancy of their affairs, advanced the next day, and came to Pershore time enough to be at the funeral of some of his men, and from thence he advanced to Worcester.

We marched back to Worcester extremely pleased with the good success of our first attack; and our

men were so flushed with this little victory, that it put vigour into the whole army. The enemy lost about three thousand men, and we carried away near one hundred and fifty prisoners, with five hundred horses, some standards and arms; and among the prisoners their colonel, but he died a little after of his wounds.

Upon the approach of the enemy Worcester was quitted, and the forces marched back to join the king's army, which lay then at Bridgnorth, Ludlow, and thereabout. As the king expected, it fell out. Essex found so much work at Worcester to settle parliament quarters, and secure Bristol, Gloucester, and Hereford, that it gave the king a full day's march of him; so the king having the start of him, moved towards London; and Essex, nettled to be both beaten in fight and outdone in conduct, decamped, and followed the king.

The parliament, and the Londoners too, were in a strange consternation at this mistake of their general; and had the king, whose great misfortune was always to follow precipitant advices, but pushed on his first design, which he had formed with very good reason, and for which he had been dodging with Essex eight or ten days, viz. of marching directly to London, where he had a very great interest, and where his friends were not yet oppressed and impoverished, as they were afterwards, he had turned the scale of his affairs, and

every man expected it; for the members began to shift for themselves; expresss were sent on the heels of one another to the earl of Essex to hasten after the king, and, if possible, to bring him to a battle. Some of these letters fell into our hands, and we might easily discover that the parliament were in the last confusion at the thoughts of our coming to London. Besides this, the city was in a worse fright than the house, and the great moving men began to go out of town. In short, they expected us, and we expected to come, but Providence, for our ruin, had otherwise determined it.

Essex, upon news of the king's march, and upon receipt of the parliament's letters, made long marches after us, and on the 23d of October reached the town of Keynton in Warwickshire. The king was almost as far as Banbury, and there called a council of war. Some of the old officers, that foresaw the advantage the king had, the concern the city was in, and the vast addition both to the reputation of his forces, and the increase of his interest, it would be, if the king could gain that point, urged the king to march on to London.

Prince Rupert, and the fresh colonels pressed for fighting, told the king it dispirited their men to march with the enemy at their heels; that the parliament army was inferior to him by six thousand men; and fatigued with hasty marching; that their orders being to fight, he had nothing to do but to

post himself to advantage, and receive them to their destruction; that the action near Worcester had let him know how easy it was to deal with a rash enemy; and that it was a dishonour for him, whose forces were so much superior, to be pursued by his subjects in rebellion.

These and the like arguments prevailed with the king to alter his wiser measures, and resolve to fight. Nor was this all: when a resolution of fighting was taken, that part of the advice which they who were for fighting gave, as a reason for their opinion, was forgot, and, instead of halting, and posting ourselves to advantage till the enemy came up, we were ordered to march back and meet them.

Nay, so eager was the prince for fighting, that when, from the top of Edgehill, the enemy's army was descried in the bottom between them and the town of Keynton; and that the enemy had bid us defiance, by discharging three cannons, we accepted the challenge, and answering with two shot from our army, we must needs forsake the advantages of the hills, which they must have mounted under the command of our cannon, and march down to them into the plain.

I confess I thought here was a great deal more gallantry than discretion, for it was plainly taking an advantage out of our own hands, and putting it into the hands of the enemy; for an enemy that

must fight may always be fought with to advantage.

My old hero, the glorious Gustavus Adolphus, was as forward to fight as any man of true valour mixed with any policy need to be, or ought to be. He used to say, "An enemy, reduced to a necessity of fighting, is half beaten."

It is true we were all but young in the war: the soldiers hot and forward, and eagerly desired to come to hands with the enemy. But I take the more notice of it here, because the king in this acted against his own measures; for it was the king himself had laid the design of getting the start of Essex, and marching to London.

His friends had invited him thither, and expected him, and suffered deeply for the omission, and yet he gave way to these hasty counsels, and suffered his judgement to be over-ruled by majority of voices — an error, I say, the king of Sweden was never guilty of: for if all the officers at a council of war were of a different opinion, yet, unless their reasons mastered his judgement, their votes never altered his measures; but this was the error of our unfortunate master three times in this war, and particularly in two of the greatest battles, this of Edgehill, and that of Naseby.

The resolution for fighting being published in the army, gave an universal joy to the soldiers, who expressed an extraordinary ardour for fighting.

I remember my father, talking with me about it, asked me what I thought of the approaching battle?

I told him I thought the king had done very well; for at that time I did not consult the extent of the design, and had a mighty mind, like other rash people, to see it brought to a day, which made me answer my father, "Sir, I doubt there will be but indifferent doings on both sides, between two armies both made up of fresh men that have never seen any service."

My father minded little what I spoke of that; but when I seemed pleased that the king had resolved to fight, he looked angrily at me, and said, he was sorry I could see no farther into things.

"I tell you," added he, hastily; "if the king should kill and take prisoners this whole army, general and all, the parliament will have the victory; for we have lost more by slipping this opportunity of getting into London than we shall ever get by ten battles."

I saw enough of this afterwards to convince me of the weight of what my father said, and so did the king too; but it was then too late—advantages slip in war are never recovered.

We were now in a full march to fight the earl of Essex. It was on Sunday morning, the 23^d of October, 1642, fair weather over head, but the ground very heavy and dirty.

As soon as we came to the top of Edgehill we discovered their whole army. They were not drawn up, having had two miles to march that morning; but they were very busy forming their lines, and posting the regiments as they came up. Some of their horse were exceedingly fatigued, having marched forty-eight hours together; and had they been suffered to follow us three or four days march farther, several of their regiments of horse would have been quite ruined, and their foot would have been rendered unserviceable for the present. But we had no patience.

As soon as our whole army was come to the top of the hill, we were drawn up in order of battle. The king's army made a very fine appearance; and indeed they were a body of as gallant men as ever appeared in the field, and as well furnished at all points: the horse exceedingly well accounted, being most of them gentlemen and volunteers, some whole regiments serving without pay; their horses very good, and as fit for service as could be desired.

The whole army were not above eighteen thousand men, and the enemy not one thousand over or under, though we had been told they were not above twelve thousand; but they had been reinforced with four thousand men from Northampton.

The king was with the general, the earl of

Lindsey, in the main battle ; prince Rupert commanded the right wing, and the marquis of Hertford, the lord Willoughby, and several other very good officers, the left.

The signal of battle being given with two cannon shot, we marched in order of battalia down the hill, being drawn up in two lines with bodies of reserve : the enemy advanced to meet us much in the same form, with this difference only, that they had placed their cannon on their right, and the king had placed ours in the center, before, or rather between, two great brigades of foot.

Their cannon began with us first, and did some mischief among the dragoons of our left wing ; but our officers perceiving the shot took the men, and missed the horses, ordered all to alight, and every man leading his horse, to advance in the same order ; and this saved our men, for most of the enemy's shot flew over their heads.

Our cannon made a terrible execution upon their foot for a quarter of an hour, and put them into great confusion, till the general obliged them to halt, and changed the posture of his front, marching round a small rising ground, by which he avoided the fury of our artillery.

By this time the wings were engaged, the king having given the signal of battle, and ordered the right wing to fall on. Prince Rupert, who commanded that wing, fell on with such fury, and

pushed the left wing of the parliament army so effectually, that in a moment he filled all with terror and confusion: commissary-general Ramsey, a Scotchman, an experienced officer, commanded their left wing, and though he did all that an expert foldier and a brave commander could do, yet it was to no purpose; his lines were immediately broken, and all overwhelmed in a trice.

Two regiments of foot, whether as part of the left wing, or on the left of the main body, I know not, were disordered by their own horse, and rather trampled to death by the horses than beaten by our men; but they were so entirely broken, that I do not remember that ever they made one volley upon our men; for their own horse running away, and falling foul on these foot, were so vigorously followed by us, that the foot never had a moment to rally or look behind them.

The point of the left wing of horse were not so soon broken as the rest, and three regiments of them stood firm for some time: the dexterous officers of the other regiments taking the opportunity, rallied a great many of their scattered men behind them, and pieced in some troops with those regiments; but after two or three charges which a brigade of our second line, following the prince, made upon them, they also were broken with the rest.

I remember that, at the great battle of Leipzig,

the right wing of the Imperialists having fallen in upon the Saxons with like fury to this, bore down all before them, and beat the Saxons quite out of the field; upon which the foldiers cried, "Victoria! — Let us follow."

"No, no," said old general Tilly, "let them go; but let us beat the Swedes too, and then all is our own."

Had prince Rupert taken this method, and, instead of following the fugitives, who were dispersed so effectually that two regiments would have secured them from rallying — I say, had he fallen in upon the foot, or wheeled to the left, and fallen in upon the rear of the enemy's right wing of horse, or returned to the assistance of the left wing of our horse, we had gained the most absolute and complete victory that could be, nor had a thousand men of the enemy's army got off.

But this prince, who was full of fire, and pleased to see the rout of the enemy, pursued them quite to the town of Keynton, where indeed he killed abundance of their men, and some time also was lost in plundering the baggage; but in the meantime the glory and advantage of the day was lost to the king, for the right wing of the parliament horse could not be so broken.

Sir William Balfour made a desperate charge upon the point of the king's left, and had it not been for two regiments of dragoons, who were

planted in the reserve, had routed the whole wing; for he broke through the first line, and staggered the second, who advanced to their assistance, but was so warmly received by those dragoons, who came seasonably in, and gave their first fire on horseback, that his fury was checked, and having lost a great many men, was forced to wheel about to his own men; and had the king had but three regiments of horse at hand to have charged him, Balfour had been routed.

The rest of this wing kept their ground, and received the first fury of the enemy with great firmness; after which, advancing in their turn, they were once masters of the earl of Essex's cannon.

And here we lost another advantage; for if any foot had been at hand to support these horse, they had carried off the cannon, or turned it upon the main body of the enemy's foot; but the foot were otherwise engaged. The horse on this side fought with great obstinacy and variety of success a great while.

Sir Philip Stapylton, who commanded the guards of the earl of Essex, being engaged with a party of our Shrewsbury cavaliers, as we called them, was once in a fair way to have been cut off by a brigade of our foot, who being advanced to fall on upon the parliament's main body, flanked Sir Philip's horse in their way, and, facing to the left, so furiously charged him with their pikes, that he

was obliged to retire in great disorder, and with the loss of a great many men and horses.

All this while the foot on both sides were desperately engaged, and, coming close up to the teeth of one another with the clubbed musquet and push of pike, fought with great resolution, and a terrible slaughter on both sides, giving no quarter for a great while; and they continued to do thus till, as if they were tired and out of wind, each party seemed willing enough to leave off and take breath.

Those which suffered most were that brigade which had charged Sir Philip Stapylton's horse, who, being bravely engaged in the front with the enemy's foot; were, on the sudden, charged again in front and flank by Sir William Balfour's horse and disordered, after a very desperate defence.

Here the king's standard was taken, the standard bearer, Sir Edward Varney, being killed; but it was rescued again by captain Smith, and brought to the king the same evening, for which the king knighted the captain.

This brigade of foot had fought all the day, and had not been broken at last if any horse had been at hand to support them. The field began to be now clear: both armies stood, as it were, gazing at one another; only the king, having rallied his foot, seemed inclined to renew the charge, and began to cannonade them, which they could not return, most of their cannon being nailed while

they were in our possession, and all the cannoniers killed or fled, and our gunners did execution upon Sir William Balfour's troops for a good while.

My father's regiment being in the right with the prince, I saw little of the fight, but the rout of the enemy's left, and we had as full a victory there as we could desire, but spent too much time in it: we killed about two thousand men in that part of the action, and having totally dispersed them, and plundered their baggage, began to think of our fellows when it was too late to help them.

We returned, however, victorious to the king just as the battle was over; and the king asked prince Rupert, "What news?"—He told him he could give his majesty a good account of the enemy's horse—"Ay, by G-d!" said a gentleman that stood by me, "and of their carts too."

Those words were spoken with such a sense of the misfortune, and made such an impression in the whole army, that it occasioned some ill blood afterwards among us, and but that the king took up the business, it had been of ill consequence; for some other person, who had heard the gentleman speak it, informed the prince who it was, and the prince, resenting it, spoke something about it in the hearing of the party when the king was present.

The gentleman, with a manly freedom, told his

highness openly he had said the words, and was still of opinion the enemy's army might have been better beaten.

The prince at this was exceedingly provoked; and as he was very passionate, and without all government of himself, replied something very disobliging, attended with a threat.

The gentleman, who was possessed of as much courage as the prince, but much calmer, preserved his temper, but maintained his quarrel, came up to the king, and, kneeling, humbly besought his majesty to accept of his commission, and to give him leave to tell the prince, that, whenever his highness pleased, he was ready to give him satisfaction.

The king was so concerned at this misunderstanding between them, that he seemingly was very much out of humour with the prince about it. However, his majesty soon ended the dispute, by laying his commands on them both to speak no more of it; and refusing the commission from the colonel, for he was no less, sent for them both next morning in private, and made them friends again.

But to return to our story. — We came back to the king timely enough to put the earl of Essex's men out of all humour of renewing the fight; and, as I observed before, both parties stood gazing at one another, and our cannon playing

upon them, obliged Sir William Balfour's horse to wheel off in some disorder, but they returned us none again; which, as we afterwards understood, was, as I said before, for want of both powder and gunners; for the cannoniers and firemen were killed, or had quitted their train in the fight when our horse had possession of their artillery; and as they had spiked up some of the cannon, so they had carried away fifteen carriages of powder.

Night coming on, ended all discourse of more fighting, and the king drew off and marched towards the hills. I know no other token of victory which the enemy had than their laying in the field of battle all night, which they did for no other reason than that, having lost their baggage and provisions, they had no where to go, and which we did not, because we had good quarters at hand.

The number of prisoners and of the slain were not very unequal: the enemy lost more men, we most of quality. Six thousand men, on both sides, were killed on the spot, whereof, when our rolls were examined, we missed two thousand five hundred. We lost our brave general, the old earl of Lindsey, who was wounded and taken prisoner, and died of his wounds; Sir Edward Stradling, colonel Lundsford, prisoners; and Sir Edward Varney, and a great many gentlemen of quality, slain.

On the other hand, we carried off colonel Essex,

colonel Ramfey, and the lord St. John, who also died of his wounds. We took five ammunition waggons, full of powder, and brought off about five hundred horse in the defeat of the left wing, with eighteen standards and colours, and lost seventeen.

The slaughter of the left wing was so great, and the flight so effectual, that several of the officers rid clear away, coasting round, and got to London, where they reported that the parliament army was entirely defeated, all lost, killed, or taken, as if none but them were left alive to carry the news.

This filled them with consternation for a while; but when other messengers followed, all was restored to quiet again, and the parliament cried up their victory, and sufficiently mocked God and their general with their public thanks for it. Truly, as the flight was a deliverance to them, they were in the right to give thanks for it; but as to its being a victory, neither side had much to boast of, and they less a great deal than we had.

I got no hurt in this battle; and indeed we of the right wing had but little fighting: I think I discharged my pistols but once, and my carbine twice, for we had more fatigue than fight. The enemy fled, and we had little to do but to follow and kill those we could overtake.

I spoiled a good horse, and got a better from the enemy in his room, and came home weary

enough. My father lost his horse, and in the fall was bruised in his thigh by another horse treading on him, which disabled him for some time, and, at his request, by his majesty's consent, I commanded the regiment in his absence.

The enemy received a recruit of four thousand men the next morning: if they had not, I believe they had gone back to Worcester; but, encouraged by that reinforcement, they called a council of war, and had a long debate whether they could attack us again: but, notwithstanding their great victory, they durst not attempt it, though this addition of strength made them superior to us by three thousand men.

The king, indeed, expected that when these troops joined them they would advance, and we were preparing to receive them at a village called Aino, where the head quarter continued three or four days; and had they really esteemed the first day's work a victory, as they called it, they would have done it: but they thought not proper to venture, but marched away to Warwick, and from thence to Coventry.

The king, to urge them to venture upon him, and come to a second battle, sat down before Banbury, and took both town and castle, and two entire regiments of foot, and one troop of horse quitted the parliament service, and took up their arms for the king. This was done almost before

their faces, which was a better proof of a victory on our side than any they could pretend to.

From Banbury we marched to Oxford; and now all men saw the parliament had made a great mistake (for they were not always in the right any more than we) to leave Oxford without a garrison. The king caused new regular works to be drawn round it, and seven royal bastions with ravelins and outworks, a double ditch, counterescarp, and covered way; all which, added to the advantage of its situation, made it a formidable place, and from this time it became our place of arms, and the center of affairs on the king's side.

If the parliament had the honour of the field, the king reaped the fruits of the victory; for all this part of the country submitted to him. Essex's army made the best of their way to London, and were but in an ill condition when they came there, especially their horse.

The parliament, sensible of this, and receiving daily accounts of the progress we made, began to cool a little in their temper, abated of their first rage, and voted an address for peace; and sent to the king to let him know they were desirous to prevent the effusion of more blood, and to bring things to an accommodation, or, as they called it, a right understanding.

I was now, by the king's particular favour, summoned to the councils of war, my father conti-

being absent and ill ; and now I began to think of the real grounds, and, which was more, of the fatal issue of this war.

I say I now began it ; for I cannot say that I ever rightly stated matters in my own mind before, though I had been enough used to blood, and to see the destruction of people, sacking of towns, and plundering the country, yet it was in Germany, and among strangers ; but I found an unaccountable sadness upon my spirits to see this acting in my own native country.

It grieved me to the heart, even in the rout of our enemies, to see the slaughter of them ; and even in the fight, to hear a man cry for quarter in English, moved me to a compassion which I had never been used to ; nay, sometimes it looked to me as if some of my own men had been beaten : and when I heard a soldier cry, “ O God ! I am shot,” I looked behind me to see which of my own troop was fallen. Here I saw myself at the cutting of the throats of my friends, and indeed some of my near relations. My old comrades and fellow-soldiers in Germany were some with us, some against us, as their opinions happened to differ in religion.

For my part, I confess I had not much religion in me at that time ; but I thought religion rightly practised on both sides would have made us all better friends ; and, therefore, sometimes I began

to think that both the bishops of our side, and the preachers on theirs, made religion rather the pretence than the cause of the war: and from those thoughts I vigorously argued it at the council of war against marching to Brentford while the address for a treaty of peace from the parliament was in hand; for I was for taking the parliament by the handle which they had given us, and entering into a negotiation with the advantage of its being at their own request.

I thought the king had now in his hands an opportunity to make an honourable peace; for this battle at Edgehill, as much as they boasted of the victory to hearten up their friends, had forely weakened their army, and discouraged their party too, which, in effect, was worse as to their army.

The horse were particularly in an ill case, and the foot greatly diminished, and the remainder very sickly: but, besides this, the parliament were greatly alarmed at the progress we made afterward, and still fearing the king's surprising them, had sent for the earl of Essex to London to defend them; by which the country was, as it were, deserted and abandoned, and left to be plundered -- our parties overrun all places at pleasure.

All this while I considered, that, whatever the soldiers of fortune meant by the war, our desires were to suppress the exorbitant power of a party, to establish our king in his just and legal rights,

but not with a design to destroy the constitution of government, and the being of parliament; and therefore I thought now was the time for peace, and there were a great many worthy gentlemen in the army of my mind; and, had our master had ears to hear us, the war might have had an end here.

This address for peace was received by the king at Maidenhead, whither this army was now advanced, and his majesty returned an answer by Sir Peter Killigrew, that he desired nothing more, and would not be wanting on his part.

Upon this the parliament name commissioners, and his majesty excepting Sir John Evelyn, they left him out, and sent others; and desired the king to appoint his residence near London, where the commissioners might wait upon him.

Accordingly, the king appointed Windsor for the place of treaty, and desired the treaty might be hastened. Thus all things looked with a favourable aspect, when one unlucky action knocked it all on the head, and filled both parties with more implacable animosities than they had before, and all hopes of peace vanished.

During this progress of the king's armies we were always abroad with the horse ravaging the country, and plundering the Roundheads. Prince Rupert, a most active, vigilant party man, and, I must own, fitter for such than for a general, was

never lying still, and I seldom staid behind; for, our regiment being very well mounted, he would always send for us if he had any extraordinary design in hand.

One time, in particular, he had a design upon Aylesbury, the capital of Buckinghamshire: indeed our view at first was rather to beat the enemy out of town, and demolish their works, and perhaps raise some contributions on the rich country round it, than to garrison the place and keep it, for we wanted no more garrisons, being masters of the field.

The prince had two thousand five hundred horse with him in this expedition, but no foot: the town had some foot raised in the country by Mr. Hambden, and two regiments of the country militia, whom we made light of, but we found they stood to their tackle better than well enough. We came very early to the town, and thought they had no notice of us; but some false brother had given them the alarm, and we found them all in arms; the hedges without the town lined with musqueteers, on that side in particular where they expected us, and the two regiments of foot drawn up in view to support them, with some horse in the rear of all.

The prince, willing, however, to do something, caused some of his horse to alight, and serve as dragoons; and having broken a way into the en-

cllosures, the horse beat the foot from behind the hedges, while the rest who were alighted charged them in the lane which leads to the town. Here they had cast up some works, and fired from their lines very regularly, considering them as militia only, the governor encouraging them by his example; so that finding, without some foot, there would be no good to be done, we gave it over, and drew off, and so Aylebury escaped a scouring for that time.

I cannot deny but these flying parties of horse committed great spoil among the country people, and sometimes the prince gave a liberty to some cruelties which were not at all for the king's interest; because it being still upon our own country, and the king's own subjects, whom, in all his declarations, he protested to be careful of. It seemed to contradict all those protestations and declarations, and served to aggravate and exasperate the common people; and the king's enemies made all the advantages of it that were possible, by crying out of twice as many extravagancies as were committed.

It is true the king, who naturally abhorred such things, could not restrain his men, no, nor his generals, so absolutely as he would have done. The war, on his side, was voluntarily: many gentlemen served him at their own charge, and some paid whole regiments themselves.

Sometimes also the king's affairs were straiter

than ordinary, and his men were not very well paid, and this obliged him to wink at their excursions upon the country, though he did not approve of them; and yet I must own, that in those parts of England where the war was hottest there never was seen that ruin and depopulation, murders, ravishments, and barbarities, which I have seen even among Protestant armies abroad in Germany, and other foreign parts of the world: and if the parliament people had seen those things abroad as I had, they would not have complained.

The most I have seen was plundering the towns for provisions, drinking their beer, and turning our horses into their fields or stacks of corn, and sometimes the foldiers would be a little rude with the wenches; but, alas! what was this to count Tilly's ravages in Saxony? or what was our taking of Leicester by storm, where they cried out of our barbarities, to the sacking of New Brandenburg, or the taking of Magdeburg?

In Leicester, of seven or eight thousand people in the town, three hundred were killed: in Magdeburg, of twenty-five thousand, scarce two thousand seven hundred were left, and the whole town burnt to ashes. I myself have seen seventeen or eighteen villages on fire in a day, and the people driven away from their dwellings like herds of cattle, the men murdered, the women stripped, and seven or eight hundred of them together, after they

had suffered all the indignities and abuses of the foldiers, driven stark naked in the winter through the great towns to seek shelter and relief from the charity of their enemies.

I do not instance these greater barbarities to justify lesser actions, which are nevertheless irregular; but I do say, that, circumstances considered, this war was managed with as much humanity on both sides as could be expected, especially considering the animosity of parties.

But to return to the prince — He had not always the same success in these enterprises, for sometimes we came short home: and I cannot omit one pleasant adventure which happened to a party of ours in one of these excursions into Buckinghamshire.

The major of our regiment was soundly beaten by a party which, as I may say, was led by a woman, and if I had not rescued him, I know not but he had been taken prisoner by a woman. It seems our men had besieged some fortified house about Oxfordshire, towards Thame, and the house being defended by the lady in her husband's absence, she had yielded the house upon a capitulation; one of the articles of which was, to march out with all her servants, soldiers, and goods, and to be conveyed to Thame.

Whether she thought to have gone no farther, or that she reckoned herself safe there, I know not; but my major, with two troops of horse, met with

this lady and her party, about five miles from Thame, as we were coming back from our defeated attack of Aylesbury.

We reckoned ourselves in an enemy's country, and had lived a little at large, or at discretion, as it is called abroad; and these two troops, with the ~~major~~ were returning to our detachment from a little village, where, at a farmer's house, they had met with some liquor; and truly some of his men were so drunk they could but just sit upon their horses. The major himself was not much better, and the whole body were but in a sorry condition to fight.

Upon the road they met this party. The lady, having no design of fighting, and being, as she thought, under the protection of the articles, founded a parley, and desired to speak with the officer.

The major, as drunk as he was, could tell her, that, by the articles, she was to be assured no farther than Thame; and being now five miles beyond it, she was a fair enemy, and therefore demanded to surrender themselves prisoners.

The lady ~~seemed~~ surprised; but, being sensible she was in the wrong, offered to compound for her goods, and would have given him three hundred pounds, and, I think, seven or eight horses. The major would certainly have taken it, if he had not been drunk; but he refused it, and gave threaten-

ing words to her, (blustering in language which he thought proper to fright a woman) that he would cut them all to pieces, and give no quarter.

The lady, who had been more used to the smell of powder than he imagined, called some of her servants to her, and, consulting with them what to do, they unanimously encouraged her to let them fight; told her it was plain that the commander was drunk, and all that were with him were rather worse than he, and hardly able to fit their horses; and that therefore one bold charge would put them all into confusion.

In a word, she consented, and, as she was a woman, they desired her to secure herself among the waggons; but she refused, and told them bravely she would take her fate with them.

In short, she boldly bade my major defiance, and that he might do his worst, since she had offered him fair, and he had refused it: her mind was altered now, and she would give him nothing, and bade him be gone.

Upon this she gave him leave to go back to his men; but before he could tell his tale to them she was at his heels with all her men, and gave him such a home charge as put his men into disorder; and being too drunk to rally, they were knocked down before they knew what to do with themselves, and in a few minutes more they took to a plain flight.

But what was still worse, the men, being some of them very drunk, when they came to run for their lives, fell over one another, and tumbled over their horses, and made such work, that a troop of women might have beaten them all.

In this pickle, with the enemy at his heels, I came in with him; hearing the noise: when I appeared the pursuers retreated, and seeing what a condition my people were in, and not knowing the strength of the enemy, I contented myself with bringing them off, without pursuing the other; nor could I ever hear positively who this female captain was.

We lost seventeen or eighteen of our men, and about thirty horses; but when the particulars of the story were told us, our major was so laughed at by the whole army, and laughed at every where, that he was ashamed to shew himself for a week or a fortnight after.

But to return to the king—His majesty, as I observed, was, at Maidenhead, addressed by the parliament for peace; and Windsor being appointed for the place of treaty, the van of his army lay at Colnbrook.

In the mean time, whether it were true, or only a pretence, but it was reported the parliament general had sent a body of his troops, with a train of artillery, to Hammer-smith, in order to fall upon some part of our army, or to take some advanced

post, which was to the prejudice of our men; whereupon the king ordered the army to march, and, by the favour of a thick mist, came within half a mile of Brentford before he was discovered.

There were two regiments of foot and about six hundred horse in the town of the enemy's best troops: these, taking the alarm, posted themselves on the bridge at the west end of the town. The king attacked them with a select detachment of his best infantry, and they defended themselves with incredible obstinacy.

I must own I never saw raw men (for they could not have been in arms above four months) act like them in my life. In short, there was no forcing these men; for though two whole brigades of our foot, backed by our horse, made five several attacks upon them, they could not break them, and we lost a great many brave men in that action.

At last, seeing the obstinacy of these men, a party of horse was ordered to go round from Osterly; and entering the town on the north side, where, though the horse made some resistance, it was not considerable, the town was presently taken. I led my regiment through an enclosure, and came into the town nearer to the bridge than the rest, by which means I got first into the town; but I had this loss by my expedition, that the foot charged me before the body was come up, and, pouring in their shot very furiously, my men were

but in an ill case, and would not have stood much longer, if the rest of the horse, coming up the lane, had not found them other employment.

When the horse were thus entered, they immediately dispersed the enemy's horse, who fled away towards London, and falling in, sword in hand, upon the rear of the foot who were engaged at the bridge, they were all cut in pieces, except about two hundred, who, scorning to ask quarters, desperately threw themselves into the river Thames, where they were most of them drowned.

The parliament and their party made a great outcry at this attempt; that it was base and treacherous ~~in~~ in a treaty of peace; and that the king, having amused them with ~~harkening~~ harkening to a treaty, designed to have seized upon the train of artillery first, and after that to have surprized both the city of London and the parliament. And I have observed since, that our historians note this action as contrary to the laws of honour and treaties, though, as there was no cessation of arms agreed on, nothing is more contrary to the laws of war than to suggest it.

That it was a very unhappy thing to the king and whole nation, as it broke off the hopes of peace, and was the occasion of bringing the Scots army in upon us, I readily acknowledge; but that there was any thing dishonourable in it I cannot allow: for though the parliament had addressed to

the king for peace, and such steps were taken in it as before, yet, as I have said, there were no proposals made on either side for a cessation of arms; and all the world must allow, that in such cases the war goes on in the field while the peace goes on in the cabinet.

And if the war goes on, admit the king had designed to surprise the city or parliament, or all of them, it had been no more than the custom of war allows, and what they would have done by him if they could.

The treaty of Westphalia, or peace of Munster, which ended the bloody wars of Germany, was a precedent for this. That treaty was actually negotiating seven years, and yet the war went on with all the vigour and rancour imaginable, even to the last day, the very time after the conclusion of it, but before the news could be brought to the army, did he that was afterwards king of Sweden, Carolus Gustavus, take the city of Prague by surprise, and therein an inestimable booty.

Besides, all the wars of Europe are full of examples of this kind; and therefore I cannot see any reason to blame the king for this action, as to the fairness of it. Indeed as to the policy of it I can say little; but the case was this—the king had a gallant army, flushed with success, and things hitherto had gone on very prosperously both with his own army and elsewhere: he had above thirty-

five thousand men in his own army, including his garrisons left at Banbury, Shrewsbury, Worcester, Oxford, Wallingford, Abingdon, Reading, and places adjacent.

On the other hand, the parliament army came back to London in but a very sorry condition*; for what with their loss in their victory, as they called it, at Edgehill, their sickness, and hasty march to London, they were very much diminished, though at London they soon recruited them again. And this prosperity of the king's affairs might encourage him to strike this blow, thinking to bring the parliament to better terms by the apprehensions of the superior strength of the king's forces.

But, however it was, the success did not equally answer the king's expectation: the vigorous defence made by the troops posted at Brentford gave the earl of Essex opportunity, with extraordinary application, to draw his forces out to Turnham Green; and the exceeding alacrity of the enemy was such, that their whole army appeared with them, making together an army of twenty-four thousand men, drawn up in view of our forces, by eight o'clock the next morning.

* General Ludlow, in his Memoirs, Vol. I. page 52, says, "Their men returned from Warwick to London not like men who had obtained a victory, but like men that had been beaten."

The city regiments were placed between the regular troops, and all together offered us battle, but we were not in a condition to accept it. The king indeed was sometimes of the mind to charge them, and once or twice ordered parties to advance to begin to skirmish, but, upon better advice, altered his mind; and indeed it was the wisest counsel to defer the fighting at that time.

The parliament generals were as unfixed in their resolutions on the other side as the king: sometimes they sent out parties, and then called them back again. One strong party, of near three thousand men, marched off towards Acton, with orders to amuse us on that side, but were countermanded.

Indeed I was of the opinion we might have ventured the battle; for though the parliament's army were more numerous, yet the city trained bands, which made up four thousand of their foot, were not much esteemed, and the king was a great deal stronger in horse than they; but the main reason that hindered the engagement was want of ammunition, which the king having duly weighed, he caused the carriages and cannon to draw off first, and then the foot, the horse continuing to face the enemy till all was clear gone, and then we drew off too, and marched to Kingston, and the next day to Reading.

Now the king saw his mistake in not continuing his march for London, instead of facing about to

fight the enemy at Edgemoor: and all the honour we had gained in so many successful enterprises lay buried in this shameful retreat from an army of citizens' wives; for truly that appearance at Turnham Green was gay, but not great.

There were as many spectators as actors; the crowds of ladies, apprentices, and mob, were so great, that when the parties of our army advanced, and, as they thought, to charge, their coaches, horsemen, and crowd, made such a bustle to be out of harm's way, that it looked little better than a rout: and I was persuaded a good home charge from our horse would have sent their whole army after them; but so it was, that this crowd of an army was to triumph over us, and they did it, for all the kingdom was carefully informed how their dreadful looks had frightened us away.

Upon our retreat, the parliament resent this attack, which they called treacherous, and vote no accommodation; but they considered of it afterwards, and sent six commissioners to the king with propositions; but the change of the scene of action changed the terms of peace, and how they made terms like conquerors, petition him to desert his army, and return to the parliament.

Had his majesty, at the head of his army, with the full reputation they had before, and in the ebb of their affairs, rested at Windsor, and commenced a treaty, they had certainly made more reasonable

propoſals; but now the ſcabbard ſeemed to be thrown away on both ſides.

The reſt of the winter was ſpent in ſtrengthening parties, and places alſo in fruitleſs treaties of peace, meſſages, remonſtrances, and paper war, on both ſides, and no action remarkable happened any where that I remember; yet the king gained ground every where; and his forces in the north increaſed under the earl of Newcaſtle; alſo my lord Goring (then only colonel Goring) arrived from Holland, bringing three ſhips laden with arms and ammunition, and notice that the queen was following with more.

Goring brought four thouſand barrels of gun-powder, and twenty thouſand ſmall arms, which came very ſeaſonably, for the king was in great want of them, eſpecially the powder. Upon this recruit the earl of Newcaſtle drew down to York, and being above ſixteen thouſand ſtrong, made Sir Thomas Fairfax give ground, and retreat to Hull.

Whoever lay ſtill, prince Rupert was always abroad, and I choſe to go out with his highneſs as often as I had opportunity, for hitherto he was always ſucceſſful. About this time, the prince being at Oxford, I gave him intelligence of a party of the enemy who lived a little at large, too much for good ſoldiers, about Cirenceſter: the prince, glad of the news, reſolved to attack them, and thought it was a wet ſeaſon, and the ways exceed-

ing bad, being in February, yet we marched all night in the dark, which occasioned the loss of some horses, and men too, in sloughs and holes, which the darkness of the night had occasioned them to fall into.

We were a very strong party, being about three thousand horse and dragoons, and coming to Cirencester very early in the morning, to our great satisfaction the enemy were perfectly surpris'd, not having the least notice of our march, which answered our end more ways than one.

However, the earl of Stamford's regiment made some resistance; but the town having no works to defend it, saving a slight breastwork at the entrance of the town, with a turnpike, our dragoons alighted, and forcing their way over the bellies of Stamford's foot, they beat them from their defence, and followed them at their heels into the town.

Stamford's regiment was entirely cut in pieces, and several others, to the number of about eight hundred men, and the town entered without any other resistance. We took twelve hundred prisoners, three thousand arms, and the county magazine, which at that time was considerable, for there were about a hundred and twenty barrels of powder, and all things in proportion.

I received the first hurt I got in this war at this action; for having followed the dragoons, and brought my regiment within the barricado which

they had gained, a musquet bullet struck my horse just in the head, und that so effectually, that he was dead in an instant. The fall plunged me into a puddle of dirty water; and my man having brought me another horse, and cleaned me a little, I was just getting up, when another bullet struck me on my left hand, which I had just clapped on the horse's mane to lift myself on the saddle. The blow broke one of my fingers, and bruised my hand very much, and it proved a very painful hurt to me.

For the present I did not much concern myself about it, but made my man tie it up close in my handkerchief, and led up my men to the market place, where we had a very smart brush with some musqueteers who were posted in the church-yard; but our dragoons soon beat them out there, and the whole town was then our own. We made no stay here, but marched back with all our booty to Oxford, for we knew the enemy were very strong at Gloucester, and that way.

Much about the same time the earl of Northampton, with a strong party, set upon Litchfield, and took the town, but could not take the close; but they beat a body of four thousand men, coming to the relief of the town, under Sir John Gell of Derbyshire and Sir William Brereton of Cheshire, and killing six hundred of them, dispersed the rest.

Our second campaign now began to open. The

king marched from Oxford to relieve Reading, which was besieged by the parliament forces; but Colonel Fielding, lieutenant governor, Sir Arthur Ashton being wounded, surrendered to Essex before the king could come up; for which he was tried by a court martial, and condemned to die, but the king forbore to execute the sentence.

This was the first town we had lost in the war; for still the success of the king's affairs was very encouraging. This bad news, however, was overbalanced by an account brought the king at the same time, by an express from York, that the queen had landed in the north, and had brought over a great magazine of arms and ammunition, besides some men.

Some time after this, her majesty, marching southward to meet the king, joined the army near Edgehill, where the first battle was fought. She brought the king three thousand foot, fifteen hundred horse and dragoons, six pieces of cannon, fifteen hundred barrels of powder, and twelve thousand small arms.

During this prosperity of the king's affairs his armies increased mightily in the western counties also. Sir William Waller, indeed, commanded for the parliament in those parts too, and particularly in Dorsetshire, Hampshire, and Berkshire, where he carried on their cause but too fast; but, farther west, Sir Nicholas Flamming, Sir Ralph Hopton,

and Sir Beryl Greenvil, had extended the king's quarters from Cornwall through Devonshire, and into Somersetshire, where they took Exeter, Barnstaple, and Bideford; and the first of these they fortified very well, making it a place of arms for the west, and afterwards it was the residence of the queen.

At last the famous Sir William Waller and the king's forces met, and came to a pitched battle, where Sir William lost all his honour again. This was at Roundway-down in Wiltshire. Waller had engaged our Cornish army at Lansdown, and in a very obstinate fight had the better of them, and made them retreat to the Devizes.

Sir William Hopton, however, having a good body of foot untouched, sent expresses and messengers one on the neck of another to the king for some horse; and the king being in great concern for that army, who were composed of the flower of the Cornish men, commanded me to march with all possible secrecy, as well as expedition, with twelve hundred horse and dragoons from Oxford to join them.

We set out in the depth of the night, to avoid, if possible, any intelligence being given of our route, and soon joined with the Cornish army, when it was as soon resolved to give battle to Waller; and, give him his due, he was as forward to fight as we.

As it is easy to meet when both sides are willing to be found, Sir William Waller met us upon Roundway-down, where we had a fair field, on both sides, and room enough to draw up our horse.

In a word, there was little ceremony to the work: the armies joined, and we charged his horse with so much resolution, that they quickly fled, and quitted the field, for we overmatched him in horse, and this was the entire destruction of their army; for their infantry, which outnumbered ours by fifteen hundred, were now at our mercy: some faint resistance they made, just enough to give us occasion to break into their ranks with our horse, where we gave time to our foot to defeat others that stood to their work; upon which they began to disband, and ran every way they could; but our horse having surrounded them, we made a fearful havock of them.

We lost not above two hundred men in this action—Waller lost above four thousand killed and taken, and as many dispersed that never returned to their colours. Those of foot that escaped got into Bristol, and Waller, with the poor remains of his routed regiments, got to London; so that it is plain some ran east, and some ran west, that is to say, they fled every way they could.

My going with this detachment prevented my being at the siege of Bristol, which prince Rupert

attacked much about the same time, and it surrendered in three days. The parliament questioned colonel Nathaniel Fiennes, the governor, and had him tried as a coward by a court martial, and condemned to die, but suspended the execution also, as the king did the governor of Reading.

I have often heard prince Rupert say, they did colonel Fiennes wrong in that affair; and that if the colonel would have summoned him, he would have demanded a passport of the parliament, and have come up and convinced the court that colonel Fiennes had not misbehaved himself, and that he had not a sufficient garrison to defend a city of that extent, having not above twelve hundred men in the town, excepting some of Waller's runaways, most of whom were unfit for service, and without arms; and that the citizens in general being disaffected to him, and ready on the first occasion to open the gates to the king's forces, it was impossible for him to have kept the city; and "when I had farther informed them," said the prince, "of the measures I had taken for a general assault the next day, I am confident I should have convinced them that I could have taken the city by storm if he had not surrendered."

The king's affairs were now in a very good posture, and three armies in the north, west, and in the center, counted, in the musters, above seventy thousand men, besides small garrisons and parties

abroad. Several of the lords, and more of the commons, began to fall off from the parliament, and made their peace with the king; and the affairs of the parliament began to look very ill.

The city of London was their inexhaustible support and magazine, both for men, money, and all things necessary; and whenever their army was out of order, the clergy of their party in but one Sunday or two would preach the young citizens out of their shops, the labourers from their masters, into the army, and recruit them on a sudden: and all this was still owing to the omission I first observed, of not marching to London when it might have been so easily effected.

We had now another, or a fairer opportunity than before, but an ill use was made of it. The king, as I have observed, was in a very good posture: he had three large armies roving at large over the kingdom. The Cornish army, victorious and numerous, had beaten Waller, secured and fortified Exeter, which the queen had made her residence, and was there delivered of a daughter, the princess Henrietta Maria, afterwards dutchess of Orleans, and mother of the dutchess dowager of Savoy, commonly known, in the French stile, by the title of Madame Royal.

They had secured Salisbury, Sherborne castle, Weymouth, Winchester, and, Basinghouse, and commanded the whole country, except Bridge-

water and Taunton, Plymouth and Lynn; all which places they held blocked up.

The king was also entirely master of all Wales, Monmouthshire, Cheshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Worcestershire, Oxfordshire, Berkshire, and all the towns from Windsor up the Thames to Cirencester, except Reading and Henley; and of the whole Severn, excepting Gloucester.

The earl of Newcastle had garrisons in every strong place in the north, from Berwick upon Tweed to Boston in Lincolnshire and Newark upon Trent, Hull only excepted, whither the lord Fairfax and his son, Sir Thomas, were retreated, their troops being routed and broken, Sir Thomas Fairfax's baggage, with his lady and servants taken prisoners, and himself hardly escaping.

And now a great council of war was held in the king's quarters what enterprise to go upon; and it happened to be the very same day when the parliament were in a serious debate what should become of them, and whose help they should seek? and indeed they had cause for it; and had our councils been as ready and well grounded as theirs, we had put an end to the war in a month's time.

In this council the king proposed the marching to London, to put an end to the parliament, and encourage his friends and loyal subjects in Kent who were ready to rise for him; and shewed us letters from the earl of Newcastle, wherein he

offered to join his majesty with a detachment of four thousand horse and eight thousand foot, if his majesty thought fit to march southward, and yet leave forces sufficient to guard the north from any invasion.

I confess, when I saw the scheme the king had himself drawn for this attempt, I felt an unusual satisfaction in my mind, from the hopes that we might bring this war to some tolerable end; for I professed myself, on all occasions, heartily weary of fighting with friends, brothers, neighbours, and acquaintance; and I made no question but this motion of the king's would effectually bring the parliament to reason.

All men seemed to like the enterprize but the earl of Worcester, who, on particular views for securing the country behind, as he called it, proposed the taking in the town of Gloucester and Hereford first. He made a long speech of the danger of leaving colonel Massey, governor of Gloucester, an active, resolute man, with a strong party, in the heart of all the king's quarters, ready on all occasions to sally out and surprise the neighbouring garrisons, as he had done Sudley castle and others, and of the ease and freedom to all those western parts to have them fully cleared of the enemy.

Interest presently backed this advice, and all those gentlemen whose estates lay that way, or

whose friends lived about Worcester, Shrewsbury, Bridgnorth, or the borders, and who, as they said, had heard the frequent wishes of the country to have the city of Gloucester reduced, fell in with this advice, alledging the consequence it was of for the commerce of the country to have the navigation of the Severn free, which was only interrupted by this one town from the sea up to Shrewsbury, &c.

I opposed this, and so did several others—prince Rupert was vehemently against it; and we both offered, with the troops of the county, to keep Gloucester blocked up during the king's march for London, so that Massey should not be able to stir.

This proposal made the earl of Worcester's party more eager for the siege than before, for they had no mind to a blockade, which would leave the country to maintain the troops all the summer; and, of all men, the prince did not please them; for he having no extraordinary character for discipline, his company was not much desired even by our friends.

Thus, in an ill hour, it was resolved to sit down before Gloucester. The king had a gallant army of twenty-eight thousand men, whereof eleven thousand horse, the finest body of gentlemen that ever I saw together in my life; their horses without comparison, and their equipages the finest and

best in the world; and their persons Englishmen, which I think is enough to say of them.

According to the resolution taken in the council of war, the army marched westward, and sat down before Gloucester the beginning of August. There we spent a month to the least purpose that ever an army did: our men received frequent affronts from the desperate sallies of an inconsiderable enemy.

I cannot forbear reflecting on the misfortunes of this siege—our men were strangely dispirited in all the assaults they gave upon the place; there was something looked like disaster and mismanagement; and our men went on with an ill-will, and no resolution. The king despised the place; and the king, to carry it sword in hand, made no regular approaches, and the garrison being desperate, made therefore the greater slaughter.

In this work our horse, who were so numerous and so fine, had no employment. Two thousand horse had been enough for this business, and the enemy had no garrison or party within forty miles of us; so that we had nothing to do but look on with infinite regret upon the losses of our foot.

The enemy made frequent and desperate sallies, in one of which I had my share. I was posted upon a parade, or place of arms, with part of my regiment, and part of colonel Goring's regiment of horse, in order to support a body of foot who were ordered to storm the point of a breastwork.

which the enemy had raised to defend one of the avenues to the town.

The foot were beat off with loss, as they always were; and Massey, not content to have beaten them from his works, sallied out with near four hundred men, and falling in upon the foot, as they were rallying under the cover of our horse, we put ourselves in the best posture we could to receive them.

As Massey did not expect, I suppose, to engage with any horse, he had no pikes with him, which encouraged us to treat him the more rudely; but, as to desperate men danger is no danger, when he found he must clear his hands of us before he could dispatch the foot, he faced up to us, fired but one volley of his small shot, and fell to battering us with the stocks of their musquets in such a manner, that one would have thought they had been mail men.

We at first despised this way of clubbing us, and, charging through them, laid a great many upon the ground, and in repeating our charge trampled more under our horses feet, and wheeling thus continually beat them off from our foot, who were just upon the point of disbanding.

Upon this they charged us again with their fire, and at one volley killed thirty-three or thirty-four men and horses; and had they had pikes with them, I know not what we should have done;

about half changing through them again, we divided them in long parts, being heaped in between us and our own foot, were cut in pieces; the rest, as I understood afterwards, retreated into the town, having lost three hundred of their men. In this last charge I received a rude blow from a stout fellow on foot with the butt end of his musquet, which stunned me, and fetched me off from my horse; and had not some took care of me, I had been trod to death by our own men; but the fellow being immediately killed, and my friends finding me alive, had taken me up, and carried me off at some distance, where I came to myself again after some time, but knew little of what I did or said that night.

This was the reason why I say I afterwards understood the enemy retreated, for I saw no more what they did then; nor indeed was I well of this blow for all the rest of the summer, but had frequent pains in my head, dizziness, and swimming, that gave me some fears the blow had injured the skull; but it wore off again, nor did it hinder my attending my charge.

This action, I think, was the only one that looked like a defeat given the enemy, at this siege: we killed them near three hundred men, as I have said, and lost about sixty of our troopers.

All this time, while the king was harrasing and weakening the best army he ever saw together du-

ring the whole war, the parliament generals, or rather preachers, were recruiting them; for the preachers were better than drummers to raise volunteers, zealously exhorting the London wives to part with their husbands, and the city to send some of their trained bands to join the army for the relief of Gloucester; and now they began to advance towards us.

The king, hearing of the advance of Essex's army, who by this time was come to Aylesbury, had summoned what forces he had within call to join him; and accordingly he received three thousand foot from Somersetshire: and having battered the town for thirty-six hours, and made a fair breach, resolved upon an assault, if possible, to carry the town before the enemy came up. The assault began about seven in the evening, and the men boldly mounted the breach; but after a very obstinate and bloody dispute, were beaten out again by the besieged with great loss.

Being thus often repulsed, and the earl of Essex's army approaching, the king called a council of war, and proposed to fight Essex's army.

The officers of the horse were for fighting; and, without doubt, we were superior to him both in number and goodness of our horse, but the foot were not in an equal condition: and the colonels of foot representing to the king the weakness of their regiments, and that their men had been greatly

disheartened at this cursed siege, the graver counsel prevailed; and it was resolved to raise the siege, and retreat towards Bristol, till the army was recruited.

Pursuant to this resolution, the 3th of September, the king having before sent away his heavy cannon and baggage, raised the siege, and marched to Berkley castle. The earl of Essex came the next day to Birdlip Hills; and understanding, by messengers from colonel Massey, that the siege was raised, sent a recruit of two thousand five hundred men into the city, and followed us himself with a great body of horse.

This body of horse, without any foot, shewed themselves to us once in a large field fit to have entertained them in; and our scouts having assured us they were not above four thousand, the king ordered a detachment of about the same number to face them.

I desired his majesty to let us have two regiments of dragoons with us, which was then eight hundred men in a regiment, lest there might be some dragoons among the enemy, which the king granted; and accordingly we marched, and drew up in view of them. They stood their ground, having, as they supposed, some advantage of the manner they were posted in, and expected we would charge them.

The king, who did us the honour to command

this party, finding they would not stir, called me to him, and ordered me, with the dragoons and my own regiment, to take a circuit round by a village to a certain lane where, in their retreat, they must have passed, and which opened to a small common on their flank, with orders, if they engaged, to advance and charge them in the flank.

I marched immediately; but though the country about there was almost all enclosures, yet their scouts were so vigilant, that they discovered me, and gave notice to the body; upon which their whole party moved to the left, as if they intended to charge me before the king with his body of horse could come; but the king was too vigilant to be so circumvented, and therefore his majesty, perceiving this, sent away three regiments of horse to second me, and a messenger before them to order me to halt, and expect the enemy, for that he would follow with the whole body.

But before this order reached me I had halted for some time; for finding myself discovered, and not judging it safe to be entirely cut off from the main body, I stopped at the village, and causing my dragoons to alight, and line a thick hedge on my left, I drew up my horse just at the entrance into the village opening to a common. The enemy came up on the trot to charge me, but were saluted with a terrible fire from the dragoons out of the hedge, which killed them near a thousand men.

This being a perfect surprize to them, they halted, and just at that moment they received orders from their main body to retreat; the king at the same time appearing upon some small heights in their rear, which obliged them to think of retreating, or coming to a general battle, which was none of their design.

I had no occasion to follow them, not being in a condition to attack their whole body; but the dragoons coming out into the common, gave them another volley at a distance, which reached them effectually, for it killed about twenty of them, and wounded more; but they drew off, and never fired a shot at us, fearing to be enclosed between two parties, and so marched away to their general's quarters, leaving ten or twelve more of their fellows killed, and about a hundred and eighty horses. Our men, after the country fashion, gave them a shout at parting, to let them see we knew they were afraid of us.

However, this relieving of Gloucester raised the spirits as well as the reputation of the parliament forces; and was a great defeat to us; and from this time things began to look with a melancholy aspect, for the prosperous condition of the king's affairs began to decline.

The opportunities he had let slip were never to be recovered; and the parliament, in their former extremity, having voted an invitation to the Scots

to march to their assistance, we had now new enemies to encounter, and indeed there began the ruin of his majesty's affairs; for the earl of Newcastle, not able to defend himself against the Scots on his rear, the earl of Manchester in his front, and Sir Thomas Fairfax on his flank, was every where routed and defeated, and his forces obliged to quit the field to the enemy.

About this time it was that we began to hear of the name of one Oliver Cromwell, who, like a little cloud, rose out of the east, and spread first into the north, till it shed down a flood that overwhelmed the three kingdoms.

When the war first broke out, he was a private captain of horse, but now commanded a regiment; and joining with the earl of Manchester, the first action we heard of him, which emblazoned his fame, was at Grantham in Lincolnshire, where, with only his own regiment, he defeated twenty-four troops of horse and dragoons of the king's forces.

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he made good his retreat to Lincoln, with little loss.

The next week he defeated Sir John Henderson at Winby, near Horncastle, with sixteen regiments of horse and dragoons, himself having not half that number, killed the lord Widdrington, Sir Ingram Hopton, and several gentlemen of quality.

Thus this firebrand of war began to blaze, and he soon grew a terror to the north; for victory attended him like a page of honour, and he was never known to be beaten during the whole war*.

Now we began to reflect again on the misfortune of our master's counsels: had we marched to Lon-

* This surprising man, notwithstanding what some have ignorantly asserted, was very well descended. The original name of his family was not Cromwell, but Williams. The father of our hero, Robert Cromwell, esq., a brewer at Huntingdon, was second son of Sir Henry Cromwell, of Hinchbrook in Huntingdonshire. When Sir Henry died, his eldest son, Sir Oliver, inherited both the title and estate, and after whom his nephew, Oliver, seems to be named. Mr. Robert Cromwell's estate was much inferior to his brother's. He had not above 300*l.* a year, when his wife, daughter of Sir Richard Stuart, brought him a son that was to have at his command the persons and fortunes of three wealthy nations. It was on the 25th of April, 1699, that this prodigy was given to the world, at the above town of

don, instead of besieging Gloucester, we had finished the war with a stroke.

The parliament's army was in a most despicable condition, and had never been recruited, had we not given them a month's time, which we lingered away at this fatal town of Gloucester; but it was too late to reflect—we were a disheartened army, but we were not beaten yet, nor broken—we had a large country to recruit in, and we lost no time, but raised men apace.

In the mean time his majesty, after a short stay at Bristol, made back again towards Oxford with a part of the foot and all the horse.

At Cirencester we had a skirmish again with the earl of Essex: that town owed us a shrewd turn for having handled them so coarsely before, when

Huntingdon. It was owing, perhaps, to his turn for action, that we read of his running into some excesses, when he retired from Cambridge after his father's death, which occasioned his mother to enter him at Lincoln's Inn. The study of the law, however, did not long agree with him; and having 500*l.* a year left him by his uncle, Sir Richard Stuart, his mother's brother, besides what he inherited from his father, he fixed entirely in the country, growing as remarkably sober and religious as he had been before vicious and extravagant. In the year 1640 he was chosen member of that which was afterwards called the Long Parliament for the town of Cambridge.

but at last changing through them again, we divided them in two parts, being hemmed in between us and our own foot, were cut in pieces; the rest, as I understood afterwards, retreated into the town, having lost three hundred of their men; and in this last charge I received a rude blow from a stout fellow on foot with the butt end of his musquet, which stunned me, and fetched me off from my horse; and had not some took care of me, I had been trod to death by our own men; but the fellow being immediately killed, and my friends finding me alive, had taken me up, and carried me off at some distance, where I came to myself again after some time, but knew little of what I did or said that night.

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The king, hearing of the advance of Essex's army, who by this time was come to Aylesbury, had summoned what forces he had within call to join him; and accordingly he received three thousand foot from Somersetshire: and having battered the town for thirty-six hours, and made a fair breach, resolved upon an assault, if possible, to carry the town before the enemy came up. The assault began about seven in the evening, and the men boldly mounted the breach; but after a very obstinate and bloody dispute, were beaten out again by the besieged with great loss.

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Pursuant to this resolution, the 5th of September, the king having before sent away his heavy cannon and baggage, raised the siege, and marched to Berkley castle. The earl of Essex came the next day to Birdlip Hills; and understanding, by messengers from colonel Massey, that the siege was raised, sent a recruit of two thousand five hundred men into the city, and followed as himself with a great body of horse.

This body of horse, without any foot, shewed themselves to us once in a large field fit to have entertained them in; and our scouts having assured us they were not above four thousand, the king ordered a detachment of about the same number to face them.

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The earl of Newcastle's repeated messengers had not convinced the king that it was absolutely necessary to send some forces to his assistance, or else all would be lost in the north. Whereupon prince Rupert was detached with orders first to go into Lancashire, and relieve Latham house, defended by the brave countess of Derby; and then, taking all the forces he could collect in Cheshire, Lancashire, and Yorkshire, to march to relieve York.

The prince marched from Oxford with but three regiments of horse, and one of dragoons, making in all about two thousand eight hundred men. The colonels of horse were, Charles Goring, the lord Biron, and myself; the dragoons were commanded by colonel Smith.

In our march we were joined by a regiment of horse from Banbury, one of dragoons from Bristol, and three regiments of horse from Chester; so that when we came into Lancashire we were about five thousand horse and dragoons. The horse we received from Chester were those who, having been at the siege of Nantwich, were obliged to raise the siege by Sir Thomas Fairfax; and the foot having yielded, the horse made good their retreat to Chester, being about two thousand, of whom three regiments now joined us.

We received also two thousand foot from West-Chester, and two thousand more out of Wales; and with this strength we entered Lancashire. We had not much time to spend, and a great deal of work to do.

Bolton and Liverpool felt the first fury of the prince: at Bolton; indeed, he had some provocation, for here we were like to be beaten off. When first the prince came to Bolton he sent a summons to demand the town for the king; but received no answer but from their guns, commanding the messenger to keep off at his peril.

They had raised some works about the town; and having by their intelligence learned that we had no artillery, and were only a flying party, so they called us, they contemned the summons, and shewed themselves upon their ramparts ready for us. The prince was resolved to humble them, if possible, and took up his quarters close to the town.

In the evening he ordered me to advance with one regiment of dragoons, and my horse to bring them off, if occasion was, and to post myself as near as possibly I could to the lines, yet so as not to be discovered; and at the same time having concluded what part of the works to fall upon, he drew up his men on two other sides, as if he would storm them there, and on a signal I was to begin the real assault on my side with my dragoons.

I had got so near the town with my dragoons,

making them creep upon their bellies a great way, that we could hear the soldiers talk on the walls, when the prince, believing one regiment would be too few, sent me word that he had ordered a regiment of foot to help, and that I should not discover myself till they were come up to me. This broke our measures; for the march of this regiment was discovered by the enemy, and they took the alarm.

Upon this I sent to the prince to desire he would put off the storm for that night, and I would answer for it the next day; but the prince was impatient, and sent orders we should fall on as soon as the foot came up to us. The foot, marching out of the way, missed us, and fell in with a road that leads to another part of the town, and not being able to find us, made an attack upon the town themselves; but the defendants being ready for them, received them very warmly, and beat them off with great destruction.

I was at a loss now what to do; for hearing the guns, and by the noise knowing it was an assault upon the town, I was very uneasy to have my share in it; but as I had learned under the king of Sweden punctually to adhere to the execution of orders, and my orders being to lye still till the foot came up with me, I would not have stirred if I had been sure to have done ever so much service; but, however, to satisfy myself, I sent to the prince to let

him know that I continued in the same place expecting the foot, and none being yet come, I desired farther orders.

The prince was greatly amazed at this, and, finding there must be some mistake, came galloping away in the dark to the place, and drew off the men, which was no hard matter, for they were willing enough to give it over.

As for me, the prince ordered me to come off so privately as not to be discovered, if possible, which I effectually did; and so we were disappointed for that night. The next day the prince fell on upon another quarter with three regiments of foot, but was beaten off with loss; and the like a third time.

At last the prince, resolving to carry it, doubled his numbers, and renewing the attack with fresh men, the foot entered the town over their works, killing, in the first heat of the action, all that came in their way; some of the foot, at the same time, letting in the horse; and so the town was entirely won. There were about six hundred of the enemy killed, and we lost above four hundred, which was owing to the foolish mistakes we made. Our men got some plunder here which the parliament made a great noise about; but it was their due, and they bought it dear enough.

Liverpool did not cost us so much, nor did we get so much by it, the people having sent their

women and children, and best goods, on board the ships in the road; and as we had no boats to transport them with, we could not get as many. Here, as at Bolton, the town and fort were taken by storm, and the garrison were many of them cut in pieces; which, by the way, was their own fault.

Our next stop was at Latham house, which the countess of Derby had gallantly defended above eighteen weeks against the parliament forces; and this lady not only encouraged her men by her cheerful and noble maintenance of them, but by examples of her own undaunted spirit, exposing herself upon the walls in the midst of the enemy's shot, would be with her men in the greatest dangers; and she well deserved our care of her person, for the enemy were prepared to use her very roughly if she fell into their hands.

Upon our approach the enemy drew off, and the prince not only effectually relieved this vigorous lady, but left her a good quantity of all sorts of ammunition, three great guns, five hundred arms, and two hundred men, commanded by his major, as her extraordinary guard.

Here the way being now opened, and our successes answering our expectations, several bodies of foot came in to us from Westmerland, and from Cumberland; and here it was that the prince found means to surprize the town of Newcastle upon Tyne, which was recovered for the king by the

management of the mayor of the town, and some other loyal gentlemen of the county, and a garrison placed there again for the king.

But our main design being the relief of York, the prince advanced that way apace, his army still increasing; and being joined by the lord Goring from Richmond with four thousand horse, which were the same the earl of Newcastle had sent away when he threw himself into York with the infantry, we were now eighteen thousand effective men, of which ten thousand were horse and dragoons; so the prince, full of hopes, and his men in good heart, boldly marched directly for York.

The Scots, as much surpris'd at the taking of Newcastle as at the coming of their enemy, began to inquire which way they should get home, if they should be beaten; and calling a council of war, they all agreed to raise the siege. The prince, who drew with him a great train of carriages, charged with provision and ammunition for the relief of the city, like a wary general, kept at a distance from the enemy, and fetching a great compass about, brought all safe into the city, and entered York with all his army.

No action of the whole war would have gained the prince so much honour, or the king's affairs so much advantage, had the prince but restrain'd his courage after this, and check'd his fatal eagerness for fighting. Here was a siege rais'd, the reputa-

tion of the enemy justly flattered; a city relieved, and furnished with all things necessary, in the face of an army superior in number by near ten thousand men, and commanded by a triumvirate of those veteran generals, Leven, Fairfax, and Manchester.

Had the prince but remembered the proceeding of the great duke of Parma at the relief of Paris, he would have seen the relieving the city was his business: it was the enemy's business to fight: it was his to avoid it, if possible; for, having delivered the city, and put the disgrace of raising the siege upon the enemy, he had nothing farther to do, but to have waited till he had seen what course the enemy would take, and pursued his farther measures from their motion.

But the prince, a continual friend to precipitant councils, would hear no advice. I entreated him not to put it to the hazard: I told him, that he ought to consider, if he lost the day, he lost the kingdom, and took the crown off from the king's head. I put him in mind that it was impossible those three generals should continue long together; and that if they did, they would not agree long in their councils, which would be as well for us as their separating.

It was plain Manchester and Cromwell must return to the associated counties, who would not suffer them to stay, for fear the king should at-

tempt them : that he could subsist well enough, having York city and river at his back. As to the Scots, they would eat up the country, make themselves odious, and dwindle away to nothing, if he would but hold them at bay a little. Other general officers were of the same opinion ; but all I could say, for they either, to a man deaf to any thing but his own courage, signified little. He would draw out and fight ; there was no persuading him to the contrary, unless a man would run the risk of being upbraided with being a coward, and afraid of the work.

The enemy's army lay on a large common, called Markon Moor, doubtful what to do : some were for fighting the prince ; the Scots were against it, being uneasy at having the garrison of Newcastle at their backs ; but the prince brought their councils of war to a result, for he let them know they must fight him whether they would or not ; for the prince being, as before, eighteen thousand men strong, and the earl of Newcastle having joined him with eight thousand foot out of the city, were marched in quest of the enemy, had entered the moor in view of their army, and began to draw up in order of battle ; but the night coming on, the armies only viewed each other at a distance for that time.

We lay all night upon our arms, and with the first of the day were in order of battle : the enemy

was getting ready ; but part of Manchester's men were not in the field, but lay about three miles off, and made a hasty march to come up.

Prince Rupert's army was exceedingly well managed : he himself commanded the left, the earl of Newcastle the right wing ; and the lord Goring, as general of the foot, assisted by major-general Porter and Sir Charles Lucas, led the main battle.

I had prevailed with the prince, according to the method of the king of Sweden, to place some small bodies of musqueteers in the intervals of his horse in the left wing, but could not prevail upon the earl of Newcastle to do it in the right, which he afterwards repented.

In this posture we stood facing the enemy, expecting they would advance to us, which at last they did ; and the prince began the day by saluting them with his artillery, which being well placed, galled them terribly for a quarter of an hour : they could not shift their front, so they advanced hastily to get within our great guns, and consequently out of their danger, which brought the fight the sooner on.

The enemy's army was ordered thus :—Sir Thomas Fairfax had the right wing, in which was the Scots horse, and the horse of his own and his father's army ; Cromwell led the left wing with his own and the earl of Manchester's horse ; and the

three generals, Eesley, old Fairfax, and Manchester, led the main battle.

The prince, with our left wing, fell on first, and, with his usual fury, broke, like a clap of thunder, into the right wing of the Scots horse, led by Sir Thomas Fairfax; and, as nothing could stand in his way, he broke through and through, and entirely routed them, pursuing them quite out of the field.

Sir Thomas Fairfax, with a regiment of lancers, and about five hundred of his own horse, made good the ground for some time; but our musketeers, which, as I said, were so placed, were such an unlooked-for sort of an article in a fight among the horse, that those lancers, which otherwise were brave fellows, were mowed down with their shot, and all was put into confusion.

Sir Thomas Fairfax was wounded in the face, his brother killed, and a great slaughter was made of the Scots, to whom, I confess, we shewed no favour.

While this was doing on our left, the lord Goring, with the main battle, charged the enemy's foot, and particularly one brigade, commanded by major-general Porter, being mostly pikemen, not regarding the fire of the enemy, charged with that fury in a close body of pikes, that they overturned all that came in their way, and, breaking into the middle of the enemy's foot, filled all with

terror and confusion, insomuch that the three generals, thinking all had been lost, fled, and quitted the field.

But matters went not so well with that always-unfortunate gentleman, the earl of Newcastle; and our right wing of horse, for Cromwell charged the earl of Newcastle with a powerful body of horse; and though the earl and those about him did what men could do, and behaved themselves with all possible gallantry, yet there was no withstanding Cromwell's horse; but, like prince Rupert, they bore down all before them: and now the victory was wrung out of our hands by our own gross miscarriage; for the prince, as it was his custom, too eager in the chase of the enemy, was gone, and could not be heard of.

The foot in the center, the right wing of the horse being routed by Cromwell, was left, and without the guard of his horse; Cromwell having routed the earl of Newcastle, and bearch him quite out of the field, and Sir Thomas Fairfax rallying his dispersed troops, they fell all together upon the foot.

General lord Goring, like himself, fought like a lion; but, forsaken of his horse, was hemmed in on all sides, and overthrown; and an hour after this, the prince returning too late to recover his friends, was obliged, with the rest, to quit the field to conquerors.

This was a fatal day to the king's affairs, and the risk too much for any man in his wits to run. We lost four thousand men on the spot, three thousand prisoners, amongst whom was Sir Charles Lucas, major-general Porter, major-general Teller, and about one hundred and seventy gentlemen of quality. We lost all our baggage, twenty-five pieces of cannon, three hundred carriages, one hundred and fifty barrels of powder, and ten thousand arms.

The prince got into York with the earl of Newcastle and a great many gentlemen, and seven or eight thousand of the men, as well horse as foot.

I had but very coarse treatment in this battle; for, returning with the prince from the pursuit of the right wing, and finding all lost, I halted with some other officers to consider what to do: at first we were for making our retreat in a body, and might have done so well enough, if we had known what had happened, before we saw ourselves in the middle of the enemy; for Sir Thomas Fairfax, who had got together his scattered troops, and joined by some of the left wing, knowing who we were, charged us with great fury.

It was not a time to think of any thing but getting away, or dying upon the spot. The prince kept on in the front, and Sir Thomas Fairfax, by this charge, cut off about three regiments of us from our body; but, bending his main strength at

the printer, dressed us, and it were, behind him in the middle of the field of battle. We took this for the only opportunity we could have to get off; and, joining together, we made across the place of battle with as good order as we could, with our carbines presented. In this posture we passed by several bodies of the enemy's foot, who stood with their pikes charged to keep us off; but they had no occasion, for we had no design to meddle with them, but to get from them. Thus we made a swift march, and thought ourselves pretty secure; but our work was not done yet; for, on a sudden, we saw ourselves under a necessity of fighting our way through a great body of Manchester's horse, who came galloping upon us over the moor. They had, as we suppose, been pursuing some of our broken troops which were fled before, and, seeing us, they gave us a home charge.

We received them as well as we could, but pushed to get through them, which at last we did with a considerable loss even to them. However, we had so many men either killed or separated from us, for all could not follow the same way, that of our three regiments we could not be above four hundred horse together when we got quite clear, and these were mixed men, some of one troop and regiment, some of another.

Not that I believe many of us were killed in the

last attack, for we had plainly the better of the enemy; but our design being to get off some, shifted for themselves one way, and some another, in the best manner they could; and as their several fortunes guided them. Four hundred more of this body, as I afterwards understood, having broke through the enemy's body another way, kept together; and got into Pontefract castle; and three hundred more made northward and to Skippon, where the prince afterwards fetched them off.

Those few of us that were left together with whom I was, being now pretty clear of pursuit, halted, and began to inquire who and who we were; and what we should do; and, on a short debate, I proposed we should make to the first garrison of the king's that we could recover, and that we should keep together, lest the country people should insult us upon the roads. With this resolution we pushed on westward for Lancashire; but our misfortunes were not yet at an end: we travelled very hard, and got to a village upon the river Wharfe, near Wetherby.

At Wetherby there was a bridge; but we understood that a party from Leeds had secured the town and the post, in order to stop the flying cavaliers, and that it would be very hard to get through there, though, as we understood afterwards, there were no soldiers there, but a guard of the townsmen. In this dilemma we consulted what course

to take to stay where we were till morning, we all concluded would not be safe: some advised to take the stream with our horses; but the river being deep, and the current strong, seemed to bid us have a care what we did of that kind, especially in the night.

Hence we intended to refresh ourselves and our horses, but were terribly disappointed; therefore we resolved to go on till we should come to a ford or bridge, where we might get over. Some guides we had, but they either were foolish or false; for after we had rid eight or nine miles they plunged us into a river at a place they called a ford, but it was a very bad one; and though our horses swam, yet seven or eight were lost; but, however, we saved the men, and we all got over.

We made bold with our first convenience to trespass upon the country for a few horses, where we could find them, to remount our men whose horses were drowned, and continued our march; but being obliged to refresh ourselves at a small village on the edge of Branham moor, we found the country alarmed by our taking those horses, and we were so sooner mounted in the morning, and entering on the moor, but we understood we were pursued by a troop of horse.

There was no remedy but we must pass this moor; and though our horses were exceedingly tired, yet we pressed on upon a round trot, and

recovered an enclosed country on the other side, where we halted.

And here, necessity putting us upon it, we were obliged to look out for more horses, for several of our men were dismounted, and others had their horses disabled by carrying double, those who having lost their horses getting up behind them.

The enemy followed us over the moor, and not having a woody enclosed country about us, where we were, I observed by their moving, they had lost sight of us; upon which I proposed concealing ourselves till we might judge of their numbers. We did so; and lying close in a wood, they passed safely by us, without skirting or searching the wood; which was what, on another occasion, they would not have done.

Presently they were not above one hundred and fifty horse, and considering that to let them go before us would be to alarm the country, and stop our design, I thought, since we might be able to deal with them, we should not meet with a better place for it, and told the rest of our officers my mind, which all our party presently, for we had not time for a long debate, agreed to.

Immediately upon this I caused two men to fire their pistols in the wood, at two different places, as far asunder as I could. This I did to give them an alarm, and amuse them; for, being in the lane, they would otherwise have got through before we

had been ready, and I resolved to engage them there as soon as it was possible.

After this alarm we rushed out of the wood with about one hundred horse, and charged them on the flank in a broad lane, the wood being on their right. Our passage into the lane being narrow, gave us some difficulty in our getting out; but the surprize of the charge did our work; for the enemy thinking we had been a mile or too before, had not the least thought of this onset, till they had heard us in the wood, and then they who were before could not come back.

We broke into the lane just in the middle of them, and by that means divided them; and facing to the left, charged the rear. First our dismounted men, which were near fifty, lined the edge of the wood, and fired with their carbines upon those which were before, so warmly, that they put them into great disorder.

Meanwhile fifty more of our horse from the farther part of the wood shewed themselves in the lane upon their front; this put them of the foremost party into a great perplexity, and they began to face about, to fall upon us who were engaged in the rear, but their facing about in a lane where there was no room to wheel, and one who understands the manner of wheeling a troop of horse, must imagine, put them into great disorder.

Our party in the head of the lane taking the ad-

vantage of this mistake of the enemy, charged in upon them, and routed them entirely. Some found means to break into the enclosures on the other side of the lane, and got away. About thirty were killed, and about twenty-five made prisoners, and forty very good horses were taken; all this while not a man of ours was lost, and not above seven or eight wounded.

Those in the rear behaved themselves better: for they stood our charge with a great deal of resolution, and all we could do could not break them; but at last our men who had fired on foot through the hedges at the other party, coming to do the like here, there was no standing it any longer. The rear of them faced about, and retreated out of the lane, and drew up in the open field to receive and rally their fellows.

We killed about seventeen of them, and followed them to the end of the lane, but had no mind to have any more fighting than needs must; our condition at that time not making it proper, the towns round us being all in the enemy's hands, and the country but indifferently pleased with us; however, we stood facing them till they thought fit to march away.

Thus we were supplied with horses enow to remount our men, by our enemies against their will, and pursued our first design of getting into Lanca-

Miss. As for our prisoners, we let them go off on foot.

But the country being by this time alarmed, and the rout of our army every where known, we foresaw abundance of difficulties before us; we were not strong enough to venture into any great towns, and we were too many to be concealed in small ones. Upon this we resolved to halt in a great wood about three miles beyond the place, where we had the last skirmish, and sent our scouts to discover the country, and learn what they could, either of the enemy, or of our friends.

Any body may suppose we had but indifferent quarters here; either for ourselves or for our horses; but however, we made shift to lie here two days and one night.

In the interim I took upon me, with two more, to go to Leeds to learn some news; we were disguised like country ploughmen; the clothes we got at a farmer's house, which for that particular occasion we plundered. I cannot say no blood was shed in a manner too rash, and which I would not have done at any other time; but our case was desperate, and the people too surly, and shot at us out of their windows, wounded one man and shot a horse, which we counted as great a loss to us as a man, for our safety depended upon our horses.

Here we got clothes of all sorts enough for both.

feign, and thus dressing myself up like a peasant, with a white cap on my head, and a fork on my shoulder, and one of my comrades in the farmer's wife's russet gown and petticoat, like a woman; the other with an old crutch like a lame man, and all mounted on such horses as we had taken the day before from the country. Away we went for Leeds, by three several ways, and agreed to meet upon the bridge.

My pretended countrywoman, who was to pass for my wife, seemed easy in her dress, as did also the cripple, though they were both gentlemen of good quality of the earl of Worcester's family; but I thought myself very awkward in mine, which made me very shy, especially among the soldiers. We passed their centinels and guards at Leeds undiscovered, and put up our horses at several houses in the town, from whence we went up and down to make our remarks.

My cripple was the fittest to go among the soldiers, because there was less danger of his being pressed: there he informed himself of the matters of war, particularly that the enemy sat down again to the siege of York: that flying parties were in pursuit of the cavaliers; and there he heard that five hundred horse of the lord Manchester's men had followed a party of cavaliers over Branham moor; and, that entering a lane, the cavaliers, who were

a thousand strong, fell upon them, and killed them all but about fifty.

This, though it was an untruth, was very pleasant to us to hear, knowing it was our party, because of the other part of the story, which was thus; that the cavaliers had taken possession of such a wood, where they rallied all the troops of their flying army; that they had plundered the country as they came, taking all the horses they could get; that they had plundered goodman Thompson's house, which was the farmer I mentioned, and killed man, woman and child; and that they were about two thousand strong.

My other friend in woman's clothes got among the good wives at the inn where she set up her horse, and there she heard the same sad and dreadful tidings; and that this party was so strong, none of the neighbouring garrisons durst stir out; but that they had sent expresses to York for a party of horse to come to their assistance.

I walked up and down the town, but fancied myself so ill disguised, and so easy to be known, that I cared not to talk with any body. We met at the bridge exactly at our time, and compared our intelligence, found it answered our end of coming, and that we had nothing to do but to get back to our men; but my cripple told me he would not stir till he bought some victuals; so away he hopped with his crutch, and bought four or five great pieces

of bacon, as many of hung beef, and two or three loaves; and borrowing a sack at the inn, which he never returned, he loaded his horse, and, getting a large leather bottle, he filled it with aqua-vitæ instead of small beer; as did my woman comrade the same.

I was uneasy in my mind, and took no care but to get out of the town; however, we all came off well enough; but 'twas well that I had no provisions with me, as you will presently hear.

We came, as I said, into the town by several ways, and so we went out; but about three miles from the town we met again exactly where we had agreed: I being about a quarter of a mile from the rest, I met three country fellows on horseback; one had a long pole on his shoulder, another a fork, the third no weapon at all that I saw: I gave them the road very orderly, being habited like one of their brethren; but one of them stopping short and looking earnestly at me, called out in a broad north-country tone, "Hark thee, friend, what hast thou 'think horse?"

I confess I was in some confusion, neither being able to answer the question nor to speak in his tone; so I behaved as if I had not heard him, and went on.

Upon this the clown immediately came up to me, and taking hold of my horse's bridle, said, "Na, 'but ye's not gang foa;" at which, vexed that I

could not talk to the fellow in his own dialect. I reached him a knock on the pate with my fork, which brought him from his horse, and then began to mend my pace; the other clowns, though they knew not what the fellow wanted, pursued me, and finding they had better heels than I, I saw there was no remedy but to make use of my hands, and faced about.

The first that came up with me was he that had no weapon, so I thought I might parley with him; and speaking as country like as I could, I asked him what he wanted?

"Thou'lt know that soon, and I'll but come at thee."

I immediately replied, "Then keep awa, mon, or I'll brain thee."

By this time the third man came up, and the parley ended; for he gave me no words, but laid at me with his long pole, and that with such fury, that I began to be doubtful of him.

Though I had pistols under my gray frock, I was loath to shoot the fellow, as well for that the noise of a pistol might bring more people in, the village being on our rear; and also because I could not imagine what the fellow meant, or would have; but at last finding he would be too many for me with that long weapon, I threw myself off my horse, and running in with him, stabbed my fork into his horse's belly; the horse being wounded, staggered

a while, and then fell, and the booby had not the sense to get down in time, but fell with him; upon which giving him a knock or two with my fork, I felled him.

The other, by this time, had furnished himself with a great stick out of a hedge; and, before I was disengaged from the last fellow, gave me two such blows, that if they had been upon my head, instead of my shoulder, I had ended the fight and my life together.

It was time to look about me now, for this was a madman; I defended myself with my fork, but it would not do; at last, in short, I was forced to pistol him; and getting on horse-back again, with all the speed I could make, got away to the wood to our men.

If my two fellow spies had not been behind, I had never known what was the meaning of this quarrel of the three countrymen, but my cripple had all the particulars; for he being behind us, as I have already observed, when he came up to the first fellow who began the fray, he found him beginning to come to himself; so he got off, and pretending to help him, he put him up upon his breech, and being a very facetious fellow, said, "Well, and what's the matter now?"

"Ah, wac's me," replied the clown, "I is killed."

"Not quite, mon," said Cripple, smiling.

“ Oh that’s a fau thief,” meaning me, and thus they parlied.

Cripple then got him upon his feet, and gave him a dram of his aqua-vitæ bottle, and made much of him, in order to know what was the occasion of the quarrel. Our disguised woman seemingly pitied the fellow too, and they set him up again upon his horse, and then told him that fellow, still meaning me, was got upon one of his brother’s horses, who lived at Wetherby.

They, to humour him, said the cavaliers stole him; but it was like such rogues; and thus they jogged on until they came to the place where the other two lay.

The first fellow they assisted as they had done the other, and gave him a dram out of the leather bottle; but the last fellow was past their care; so they came away: for when they understood that it was my horse they claimed, they began to be afraid that their own horses might be known too, and then they had been in a worse condition than myself, and must have been forced to have done them some mischief to have got away.

I had sent out two troopers to fetch them off, if there was any occasion; but their stay was not long, for the troopers seeing them at a little distance coming towards us, they presently returned.

I had enough of going for a spy, and my companions had enough of staying in the wood; for

other intelligences agreed with ours, and all concurred in this, that it was time to be going; however, this use we made of it, that while the country thought us so strong, we were in the less danger of being attacked, though in the more of being observed; but all this while we heard nothing of our army till the next day; when we heard prince Rupert, with about a thousand horse, was at Skipton, and from thence marched away to Westmoreland.

We concluded now we had two or three days time good; for, since messengers were sent to York for a party to suppress us, we must have at least two days march of them, and therefore all concluded we were to make the best of our way; early in the morning therefore we decamped from those dull quarters; and as we marched through a village, we found the people very civil to us, and the women cried out, "God bless them, it is a pity that the Roundheads should make such work with such brave men."

Finding we were among our friends, we resolved to halt a little and refresh ourselves; and, indeed, the people were very kind to us, gave us victuals and drink, and took care of our horses.

It happened to be our lot to stop at a house where the good woman took a great deal of pains to provide for us; but I observed her husband walked about with a cap upon his head, and very much out

of order. I took no great notice of it, being very sleepy, and having asked my landlady to let me have a bed, I laid down and slept. When I waked, I found my landlord on another bed in the same room, groaning very heavily.

When I came down stairs, I found Cripple talking with the landlady; he was now out of his disguise, but we called him Cripple still; and the other, who put on the woman's clothes, we called Goody Thompson. As soon as Cripple saw me, he called me out.

"Cavalier, do you know the man of the house you are quartered in?"

"No, not I; pray why do you ask?"

"No, so I believe; nor they you; if they did, his wife would not have made you a posset, and got you a white loaf."

"I do not understand you. What do you mean?"

"My dear friend, have you seen the man?"

"Seen him? yes, and heard him too; the man's sick, and groaned so heavily that I could not lay upon the bed any longer for him."

"Why he is the man that you knocked down yesterday with your fork, and I have had all the story out yonder at the next door."

I confess it grieved me to have been forced to treat a person so roughly who was one of our friends, but to make some amends, we contrived to give the

poor man his brother's horse; and my Cripple told him a formal story, that he believed the horse was taken away from the fellow by some of our men; and, if he knew him again, if it was his friend's horse, he should have him.

The man came down upon the news, and I caused six or seven horses, which were taken at the same time, to be shewn him; he immediately chose the right; so I gave him the horse, and we pretended a great deal of sorrow for the man's hurt, and that we had not knocked the fellow on the head as well as took away the horse.

The man was so overjoyed at the revenge he thought was taken on the fellow, that we heard him groan no more.

We ventured to stay all day at this town, and the next night, and got guides to lead us to Blackstone Edge, a ridge of mountains which part this side of Yorkshire from Lancashire.

Early in the morning we marched, and kept our scouts very carefully out every way, who brought us no news for this day; we kept on all night, and made our horses do penance for that little rest they had; and the next morning we passed the hills, and got into Lancashire, to a town called Littlebury; and from thence to Rochdale, a little market-town.

And now we thought ourselves safe as to the pursuit of the enemies from the side of York; our de-

sign was to get to Bolton; but all the country was full of the enemy in flying parties; and how to get there we knew not.

At length we resolved to send a messenger to Bolton; but he came back and told us, he had, with lurking and hiding, tried all the ways that he thought possible, but to no purpose; for he could not get into the town. We sent another, and he never returned; and, some time after, we understood he was taken by the enemy. At last one got into the town, who brought us word they were tired out with constant alarms, had been strictly blocked up, and every day expected a siege; and therefore advised us either to go northward, where prince Rupert and the lord Goring ranged at liberty; or to get over Warrington bridge, and so secure our retreat to Chester.

This double direction divided our opinions; I was for getting into Chester to recruit myself with horses and with money, both which I wanted, and to get refreshment, which we all wanted; but the major part of our men were for the north. First, they said, there was their general; and it was their duty to the cause, and the king's interest obliged us to go, where we could do best service; and there were their friends, and every man might hear some news of his own regiment, for we belonged to several; besides, all the towns to the left of us were possessed by Sir William Brereton; Warrington, in

Lancashire, and Northwich, in Cheshire, garrisoned by the enemy, and a strong party at Manchester; so that it was very likely we should be beaten and dispersed before we could get to Chester.

These reasons, and especially the last, determined us for the north, and we had resolved to march the next morning, when other intelligence brought us to more speedy resolutions. We kept our scouts continually abroad to bring us intelligence of the enemy, whom we expected on our backs, and also to keep an eye upon the country; for as we lived upon them something at large, they were ready enough to do us any ill turn, as it lay in their power.

The first messenger that arrived was from our friends at Bolton, with information that they were preparing at Manchester to attack us: one of our parties had been as far as Stockport, on the edge of Cheshire, and was pursued by a party of the enemy, but got off by the help of the night.

Thus all things looking black to the south, we had resolved to march northward in the morning, when one of our scouts, from the side of Manchester, assured us, Sir Thomas Middleton, with some of the parliament forces and the country troops, making above twelve hundred men, were on their march to attack us, and would certainly beat up our quarters that night.

Upon this advice we resolved to be gone; and

getting all things in readiness, we began to march about two hours before night; and having got a trusty fellow for a guide, a fellow that we found was a friend to our side, he put a project into my head, which saved us all for that time; and that was, to give out in the village that we were marched back to Yorkshair, resolving to get into Pontefract castle.

Accordingly he conducted us out of the town the same way we came in; and taking a boy with him, he sent the boy back just at night, and bade him say he saw us go up the hills at Blackstone Edge; and it happened very well; for this party were so sure of us, that they had placed four hundred men on the road to the northward, to intercept our retreat, and had left no way for us, as they thought, to escape, but back again.

About ten o'clock at night they assaulted our quarters, but finding we were gone, and being informed which way, they followed upon the spot; and travelling all night, being moon-light, they found themselves the next morning about fifteen miles east just out of their way; for we had by the help of our guide, turned short at the foot of the hills; and through blind, untrodden paths, and, with difficulty enough, by noon the next day, had reached almost twenty-five miles north near a town called Clithero.

Here we halted in the open field, and sent out

out people to see how things were in the country. This part of the country, almost unpassable, and surrounded with hills, was indifferently quiet, and we got some refreshment for ourselves, but very little horse-meat, and so went on; but we had not marched far before we found ourselves discovered; and the four hundred horse sent to lye in wait for us as before, having understood which way we went, followed us hard; and by letters to some of their friends at Preston, we found we were beset again.

Our guide began now to be out of his knowledge, and our scouts brought us word the enemy's horse was posted before us, and we knew they were in our rear.

In this exigence we resolved to divide our small body, and so amassing them, at least one might get off if the other miscarried. I took about eighty horse with me, among which were all that I had of our own regiment, amounting to above thirty-two, and took the hills towards Yorkshire.

Here we met with such unpassable vast moors, rocks, and stony ways, as lamed all our horses and tired our men; and sometimes I thought we should never be able to get over them, for our horses falling, and jack-boots being but indifferent things to travel in, we might be starved before we should find any road or towns, for guide we had none, but a boy, who

knew but little, and would cry when we asked him any questions.

I believe neither men nor horses ever passed in some places where we went; and for twenty hours we saw not a town nor a house, excepting sometimes from the top of the mountains at a vast distance.

I am persuaded we might have encamped here if we had had provisions, till the war had been over, and have met with no disturbance; and I have often wondered since how we got into such horrible places as much as how we got out of them.

That which was worse to us than all the rest was, that we knew not where we were going, nor what part of the country we should come into when we came out of those desolate craggs.

At last, after a terrible fatigue, we began to see the western parts of Yorkshire, some few villages, and the country at a distance, looked a little like England; for I thought before, it looked like Old Brennus Hill, which the Grisons called the grandfather of the Alps. We got some relief in the villages, which, indeed, many of us had so much need of, that they were hardly able to sit their horses, and others were forced to help them off, they were so faint.

I never felt so much of the power of hunger in my life; for having not eaten in thirty hours, I was as

ravenous as a hound ; and if I had had a piece of horse-flesh, I believe I should not have had patience to have stayed dressing it, but have fallen upon it raw, and have eaten it as greedily as a Tartar.

However, I ate very cautiously, having often seen the danger of men's eating heartily after long fasting. Our next care was to enquire our way. Halifax, they told us, was on our right ; there we durst not think of going ; general Skippon was before us, and there we knew not how it was ; for a body of three thousand horse, sent out by the enemy, in pursuit of prince Rupert, had been there but two days before, and the country people could not tell us whether they were gone or not : and Manchester's horse, which were sent out after our party, were then at Halifax in quest of us, and afterwards marched into Cheshire.

In this distress we would have hired a guide, but none of the country people would go with us, for the roundheads would hang them, they said, when they came there. Upon this I called a fellow to me.

" Hark ye, friend, dost thee know the way so as to bring us into Westmoreland, and not keep the great road from York ? "

" Ay merry I ken the ways weel enou. "

" And you would go and guide us, but that you are afraid the roundheads will hang you. "

" Indeed would I, measter, with all my heart. "

“ Why then thou hadst as well be hanged by a roundhead as a cavalier; for if thou wilt not go, I’ll hang thee instantly.”

“ Na, and ye serve me for, I’ll e’en gang with ye; for I care not for hanging; and ye’ll get me a good horse, I’ll gang and be one of you, for I’ll nere come heame mere.”

This pleased us still better, and we mounted the fellow; for three of our men died that night with the extreme fatigue of the last service.

Next morning, when our new trooper was mounted and clothed, we hardly knew him; and this fellow led us by such ways, such wildernesses, and yet with such prudence, keeping the hills to the left, that we might have the villages to refresh ourselves, that without him, we had certainly either perished in those mountains, or fallen into the enemy’s hands.

We passed the great road from York so critically as to time, that from one of the hills he shewed us a party of the enemy’s horse who were then marching into Westmoreland.

We lay still that day, finding we were not discovered by them; and our guide proved the best scout that we could have had; for he would go out ten miles at a time, and bring us in all the news of the country: here he brought us word that York was surrendered upon articles, and that Newcastle,

which had been surpris'd by the king's party, was besieg'd by another army of Scots advanced to help their brethren.

Along the edges of those vast mountains we pass'd, with the help of our guide, till we came into the forest of Swale; and finding ourselves perfectly conceal'd, for no soldier had ever been here all the war, nor perhaps would not, if it had lasted twenty years; we thought we wanted a few days rest, at least for our horses; so we resolv'd to halt, and while we did so, we made some disguises, and sent out some spies into the country; but as here were no great towns, nor no post road, we got very little intelligence.

We rested four days, and then march'd again; and indeed having no great stock of money about us, and not very free of that we had, four days was enough for those poor places to be able to maintain us.

We thought ourselves pretty secure now; but our chief care was how to get over those terrible mountains; for having pass'd the great road that leads from York to Lancaster, the craggs, the farther northward we look'd, appear'd still the worse, and our business was all on the other side.

Our guide told us, he would bring us out, if we would have patience, which we were oblig'd to, and kept on this slow march, till he brought us to Stanhope, in the county of Durham; where some

of Lord Goring's horse, and two regiments of foot, had their quarters: this was nineteen days from the battle of Marston-moor.

Prince Rupert, who was then at Kendal in Westmoreland, and who had given me over as lost, when he had news of our arrival, sent an express to me to meet him at Appleby. I went thither accordingly, and gave him an account of our journey; and there I heard the short history of the other part of our men, whom we parted from in Lancashire.

They made the best of their way north; they had two resolute gentlemen who commanded; and being so closely pursued by the enemy, that, finding themselves under necessity of fighting, they halted, and faced about, expecting the charge.

The boldness of the action made the officer who led the enemy's horse, which it seems were the country horse only, afraid of them; which they perceiving, taking the advantage of his fears, bravely advanced, and charged them; and, though they were above two hundred horse, they routed them, killed about thirty or forty, got some horses and some money, and pushed on their march night and day; but coming near Lancaster, they were so way-layed and pursued, that they agreed to separate, and shift every man for himself.

Many of them fell in the enemy's hands; some were killed attempting to pass through the river Lune; some went back again, six or seven got to

Bolton, and about eighteen got safe to prince Rupert.

The prince was in a better condition here than I expected; he and my lord Goring, with the help of Sir Marmaduke Langdale, and the gentlemen of Cumberland, had a body of four thousand horse, and about six thousand foot.

They had retaken Newcastle, Tynemouth, Durham, Stockton, and several towns of consequence, from the Scots, and might have cut them out work enough still, if that base people, resolved to engage their whole interest to ruin their sovereign, had not sent a second army of ten thousand men, under the earl of Calender, to help their first.

These came and laid siege to Newcastle, but found more vigorous resistance now than they had done before.

There were in the town Sir John Morley, the lord Crawford, Lord Rea, and Maxwell, Scots, and old soldiers, who were resolved their countrymen should buy the town very dear if they had it; and had it not been for our disaster at Marston-moor, they had never had it; for Calender, finding he was not able to carry the town, sent to general Leven to come from the siege of York to help him.

Mean time the prince formed a very good army, and the lord Goring, with ten thousand men, shewed himself on the borders of Scotland, to try if

that might not cause the Scots to recall their forces; and I am persuaded had he entered Scotland, the parliament of Scotland had recalled the earl of Calender, for they had but five thousand men left in arms to send against him; but they were loath to venture.

However, this effect it had, that it called the Scots northward again, and found them work there for the rest of the summer, to reduce the several towns in the bishoprick of Durham.

I found with the prince the poor remains of my regiment, which when joined with those that had been with me, could not all make up three troops, and but two captains, three lieutenants, and one cornet, the rest were dispersed, killed, or taken prisoners.

However, with those, which we still called a regiment, I joined the prince, and after having done all we could on that side, the Scots being returned from York, the prince returned through Lancashire to Chester.

The enemy often appeared and alarmed us, and once fell on one of our parties, and killed us about a hundred men; but we were too many for them to pretend to fight us, so we came to Bolton, beat the troops of the enemy near Warrington, where I got a cut with a halbert in my face, and arrived at Chester the beginnig of August.

The parliament, upon their great success, in the

North, thinking the king's forces quite broken, had sent their general Essex into the west, where the king's army was commanded by prince Maurice, prince Rupert's elder brother, but not very strong; and the king being, as they supposed, by the absence of prince Rupert, weakened so much as that he might be checked by Sir William Waller, who, with four thousand five hundred foot, and one thousand five hundred horse, was at that time about Winchester, having lately beaten Sir Ralph Hopton. Upon all these considerations, the earl of Essex marched westward.

The forces in the west being too weak to oppose him, every thing gave way to him, and all people expected he would besiege Exeter, where the queen was newly lying in *, and sent a trumpet to desire he would forbear the city, until she could be removed; which he did, and passed on westward, took Tiverton, Biddeford, Barnstaple, Launceston,

* The queen had been brought to bed, in that city, about a fortnight before of the princess Henrietta. As soon as she heard of his entering Devonshire, she sent and desired a safe-conduct to retire to Bristol. The earl of Essex answered, that, if her majesty would please to go to London, he would have the honour to wait upon her thither; but could not give her a safe-conduct to Bristol without the express order of both houses. Whereupon the queen withdrew into Cornwall, and some time after into France.

relieved Plymouth, drove Sir Richard Grenvill up into Cornwall and followed him thither, but left prince Maurice behind him with four thousand men about Barnstaple and Exeter.

The king, in the mean time, marched from Oxford into Worcester, with Waller at his heels; at Edgehill his majesty turned upon Waller, and gaye him a brush to put him in mind of the place; the king went on to Worcester, sent three hundred horse to relieve Dursley castle, besieged by the earl of Denby, and sending part of his forces to Bristol, returned to Oxford.

His majesty had now firmly resolved to march into the west, not having yet any account of our misfortunes in the north. Waller and Middleton way-laid the king at Cropedy bridge; the king attacked Middleton at the bridge; Waller's men were posted with some cannon to guard a pass; Middleton's men put a regiment of the king's foot to the rout, and pursued them: Waller's men, willing to come in for the plunder, a thing their general had often used them to, quitted their post at the pass, and their great guns, to have part in the victory.

The king coming in seasonably to the relief of his men, routed Middleton, and at the same time sent a party round, who clapt in between Sir William Waller's men and their great guns, and secured the pass and the cannon too.

The king took three colonels, besides other of

ficers, and about three hundred men prisoners, with eight great guns, nineteen carriges of ammunition, and killed about two hundred men.

Waller lost his reputation in this fight, and was exceedingly slighted ever after, even by his own party; but especially by such as were of Essex's party, between whom and Waller there had been jealousies and misunderstandings for some time.

The king, about eight thousand strong, marched on to Bristol, where Sir William Hopton joined him; and from thence he followed Essex into Cornwall; Essex still following Grenvill, the king came to Exeter, and joining with prince Maurice, resolved to pursue Essex; and now the earl of Essex began to see his mistake, being cooped up between two seas, the king's army in his rear, the country his enemy, and Sir Richard Grenvill in his van.

The king, who always took the best measures, when he was left to his own counsel, wisely refused to engage, though superior in number, and much stronger in horse. Essex often drew out to fight; but the king, well fortified, took the passes and bridges, planted cannon, and secured the country to keep off provisions, and continually straitened their quarters, but would not fight.

Now Essex sends away to the parliament for help, and they write to Waller, Middleton, and Manchester, to follow and come up with the king in

his rear; but some were too far off, and could not, as Manchester and Fairfax; others made no haste, as having no mind to it, as Waller and Middleton; and if they had, it had been too late.

At last the earl of Essex, finding nothing to be done, and unwilling to fall into the king's hands, took shipping, and left his army to shift for themselves. The horse, under Sir William Balfour, the best horse officer, and, without comparison, the bravest in all the parliament army, advanced in small parties, as if to skirmish, but following in with the whole body, being three thousand five hundred, horse, broke through, and got off.

Though this was a loss to the king's victory, yet the foot were now in a condition so much the worse. Brave old Skippon proposed to fight through with the foot, and die, as he called it, like Englishmen, with sword in hand; but the rest of the officers shook their heads at it; for, being well paid, they had, at present, no inclination for dying.

Seeing it thus, they agreed to treat, and the king granted them conditions, upon laying down their arms, to march off free. This was too much; had his majesty but obliged them upon oath not to serve again for a certain time, he had done his business; but this was not thought of; so they passed free, only disarmed, the soldiers not being allowed so much as their swords.

The king gained by this treaty forty pieces of

cannon, all of brass, three hundred barrels of gun-powder, nine thousand arms, eight thousand swords, match and bullet in proportion, two hundred wag-gons, one hundred and fifty colours and standards, all the bag and baggage, and about a thousand of the men lifted in his army. This was a compleat victory without bloodshed; and had the king but secured the men from serving only for six months, it had most effectually answered the battle of Marston-moor.

As it was, it infused new life into all his majesty's forces and friends, and retrieved his affairs very much; but especially it encouraged us in the north, who were more sensible of the blow received at Marston-moor, and of the destruction the Scots were bringing upon us all.

While I was at Chester, we had some small skirmishes with Sir William Brereton. One morning in particular Sir William drew up, and faced us, and one of our colonels of horse observing the enemy to be not, as he thought, above two hundred, desired leave of prince Rupert to attack them with the like number, and accordingly he sallied out with two hundred horse.

I stood drawn up without the city with eight hundred more, ready to bring him off, if he should be put to the worst, which happened accordingly; for, not having discovered neither the country nor the enemy as he ought, Sir William Brereton drew

him into an ambuscade; so that before he came up with Sir William's forces, near enough to charge, he found about three hundred horse in his rear: though he was surpris'd at this, yet being a man of ready courage, he boldly faced about with one hundred and fifty of his men, leaving the other fifty to oppose Sir William.

With this small party he desperately charged the three hundred horse in his rear, and putting them into disorder, broke through them, and had there been no greater force, he had cut them all to pieces.

Flusht with this success, and eager to assist the fifty men he had left behind, in case if attacked, he faced about, and charged through them again; and with these two charges entirely routed them.

Sir William Brereton finding himself disappointed, advanced and fell upon the fifty men just as the colonel came up to them; they fought him with a great deal of bravery; but the colonel being unfortunately killed in the first charge, the men gave way, and came flying all in confusion, with the enemy at their heels.

As soon as I saw this, I advanced with my eight hundred men; according to my orders, and the enemy, as soon as we appeared, gave over the pursuit. This gentleman, I remember, was colonel Morrough; we fetch'd off his body, and retreated into Chester.

The next morning the prince drew out of the city with about one thousand two hundred horse and two thousand foot, and attacked Sir William Brompton in his quarters. The fight was very sharp for the time, and near seven hundred men on both sides were killed; but Sir William would not put it to a general engagement, so the prince drew off, contenting himself to have insulted him in his quarters.

We now had received orders from the king to join him; but I representing to the prince the condition of my regiment, which was now reduced to a hundred men, and that being within twenty-five miles of my father's house, I might soon recruit it, my father having got some men together already, I desired leave to be at Shrewsbury for a month, to make up my men.

Accordingly, having obtained his leave, I marched to Wrexham, where, in two days, I got twenty men, and so on to Shrewsbury. I had not been here above ten days, but I received an express to come away with what recruits I had got together, prince Rupert having positive orders to meet the king by a certain day.

I had not mounted one hundred men, though I had listed about two hundred, when these orders came; but leaving my father to complete them for me, I marched with those I had, and went to Oxford.

Thinking, after the rout of the parliament forces in the west, had marched back, took Barnstaple, Plympton, Launceston, Tiverton, and several other places; and left Plymouth besieged by Sir Richard Grenvill; met with Sir William Waller at Shaftsbury, and again at Andover; had a skirmish with him at both places, and marched for Newbury.

Here the king sent for prince Rupert to meet him, who with three thousand horse made long marches to join him; but the parliament having joined their three armies together, Manchester from the north, Waller and Essex, the men being clothed and armed from the west, had attacked the king, and obliged him to fight, the day before the prince came up.

The king had so posted himself, as that he could not be obliged to fight but with advantage; the parliament's forces being superior in number, and therefore when they attacked him, he galled them with his cannon, and declining to come to a general battle, stood upon the defensive, expecting prince Rupert with the horse.

The parliament's forces had some advantage over our foot, and took the earl of Cleveland prisoner; but the king, whose foot were not above one to two, drew his men under the cannon of Dunnington castle*, and having secured his artillery and

* About a mile from Newbury.

baggage, made a retreat with his foot, in very good order, having not lost in all the fight above three hundred men, and the parliament as many: we lost five pieces of cannon and took two, having repulsed the earl of Manchester's men on the north side of the town, with considerable loss.

The king having lodged his train of artillery and baggage in Dunnington castle, marched the next day for Oxford; there we joined him with three thousand horse and two thousand foot. Encouraged with this reinforcement, the king appeared upon the hills on the north-west of Newbury, and faced the parliament army. The parliament having too many generals as well as soldiers, the former could not agree whether they should fight or not.

This was no great token of the victory they boasted of; for they were now twice our number in the whole, and their foot three for one. The king stood in battalia all day, and finding the parliament forces had no inclination to engage him, he drew away his cannon and baggage out of Dunnington castle, in view of their whole army, and marched to Oxford.

This was such a false step of the parliament's generals, that the people cried shame of them, and the parliament appointed a committee to inquire into it.

Cromwell accused Manchester, and Manchester

accused Waller, and so they laid the fault upon each other.

Waller would have been glad to have charged it upon Essex; but as it happened he was not in the army, having been taken ill some days before; but, as it generally is when a mistake is made, the actors fall out among themselves, so it was here*.

No doubt it was as false a step as that at Cornwall, to let the king draw away his baggage and cannon, in the face of three armies, and never fire a shot at them.

The king had not above eight thousand foot in his army, and they above twenty-five thousand. It is true, the king had eight thousand horse, a fine body, and much superior to theirs; but the foot might with the greatest ease in the world, have prevented the removing the cannon, and in three days time have taken the castle, with all that was in it.

Those differences produced their self-denying ordinance, and the putting by most of their old generals, as Essex, Waller, Manchester, &c.; and Sir Thomas Fairfax, a terrible man in the field,

* Rapin lays it to the account of some indisposition, or perhaps out of some discontent, not being able to agree, either with the earl of Manchester, or Sir William Waller.

though the mildest of men out of it, was voted to have the command of all their forces, and Lambert to take the command of Sir Thomas Fairfax's troops in the north, old Skippon being major general.

This winter was spent on the enemy's side in modelling, as they called it, their army; and, on our side, in recruiting ours, and some petty excursions.

Amongst the many addresses, I observed one from Suffex or Surrey, complaining of the rudeness of our soldiers, and particularly of the ravishing of women, and the murdering of men; from which I only observed, that there were disorders among them, as well as among us, only with this difference, that they, for reasons I mentioned before, were under circumstances to prevent it better than the king.

But I must do the king's memory that justice, that he used all possible methods, by punishment of soldiers, charging, and sometimes entreating, the gentlemen not to suffer such disorders and such violences in their men; but it was to no purpose for his majesty to attempt it, while his officers, generals, and great men, winked at it; for the licentiousness of the soldier is supposed to be approved by the officer, when it is not corrected.

The rudeness of the parliament soldiers began from the division among their officers; for, in many

places, the soldiers grew so out of all discipline, and so unsufferably rude, that they in particular refused to march when Sir William Waller went to Weymouth. This had turned to good account for us, had these cursed Scots been out of our way; but they were the staff of the party; and now they were daily solicited to march southward, which was a very great affliction to the king and all his friends.

One booty the king got at this time, which was a very seasonable assistance to his affairs.

A great merchant ship, richly laden at London, and bound to the East-Indies, was, by the seamen, brought into Bristol, and delivered up to the king.

Some merchants in Bristol offered the king forty thousand pounds for her, which his majesty ordered should be accepted, reserving only thirty great guns for his own use.

The treaty at Uxbridge now was begun, and we that had been well beaten in the war, heartily wished the king would come to a peace; but we all foresaw the clergy would ruin it all. The commons were for presbytery, and would never agree the bishops should be restored; the king was more willing to comply with any thing than this, and we foresaw it would be so; from whence we used to say among ourselves, that the clergy was resolved if there should be no bishop there should be no king.

This treaty at Uxbridge was a perfect war between the men of the gown; ours was between those of the sword; and I cannot but take notice how the lawyers, statesmen, and the clergy of every side, bestirred themselves rather to hinder than promote the peace.

There had been a treaty at Oxford some time before, where the parliament, insisting that the king should pass a bill to abolish episcopacy, quit the militia, abandon several of his faithful servants to be exempted from pardon, and making several other most extravagant demands. Nothing was done, but the treaty broke off, both parties being rather farther exasperated, than inclined to hearken to conditions.

However, soon after the success in the west, his majesty, to let them see that the victory had not elated him so as to make him reject the peace, sent a messenger to the parliament to put them in mind of messages of like nature which they had slighted; and to let them know, that notwithstanding he had beaten their forces, he was yet willing to hearken to a reasonable proposal for putting an end to the war.

The parliament pretended the king in his message did not treat with them as a legal parliament, and so made hesitations; but after long debates and delays they agreed to draw up propositions for peace to be sent to the king.

As this message was sent to the houses about August, I think they made it the middle of November before they brought the propositions for peace; and when they brought them, they had no power to enter either upon a treaty, or so much as preliminaries for a treaty, only to deliver the letter and receive an answer.

However, such were the circumstances of affairs at this time, that the king was uneasy to see himself thus treated, and take no notice of it. The king returned an answer to the proposition, and proposed a treaty by commissioners, which the parliament appointed.

Three months more were lost in naming commissioners. There was much time spent in this treaty, but little done; the commissioners debated chiefly the article of religion, and of the militia; in the latter they were very likely to agree; in the former both sides seemed too positive. The king would by no means abandon episcopacy, nor the parliament presbytery; for both in their opinion were of divine appointment.

The commissioners, finding this point hardest to adjust, went from it to that of the militia; but the time spinning out, the king's commissioners demanded longer time for the treaty; the other sent up for instructions, but the house refused to lengthen out the time.

This was thought an insolence upon the king.

and gave all good people a detestation of such haughty behaviour: and thus the hopes of peace vanished; both sides prepared for war with as much eagerness as before.

The parliament was now employed in what they called modelling their army; that is to say, the independent party began to prevail; and as they outdid all the others in their resolution of carrying on the war to all extremities, so they were both the more vigorous and more politic party in carrying it on.

Indeed the war was after this carried on with greater animosity than ever, and the generals pushed forward with a vigour, that, as it had something in it unusual, so it told us plainly from this time, whatever they did before, they now pushed at the ruin even of monarchy itself.

All this while also the war went on, and though the parliament had no settled army, yet their regiments and troops were always in action, and the sword was at work in every part of the kingdom.

Among an infinite number of party skirmishes and fights this winter, one happened which nearly concerned me. Colonel Mitton, with about twelve hundred horse and foot, having intelligence from some of the inhabitants of Shrewsbury, on a Sunday morning early, broke into the town, and took it, castle and all.

The loss for the quality, more than the number, was very great to the king's affairs. They took there fifteen pieces of cannon, prince Maurice's magazine of arms and ammunition, prince Rupert's baggage, and above fifty persons of quality and officers. There were not above eight or ten men killed on both sides; for the town was surprised, not stormed.

I had a particular loss in this action; for all the men and horses my father had got together for the recruiting my regiment were here lost and dispersed; and which was the worse, my father, happening to be then in the town, was taken prisoner, and carried to Beeston castle in Cheshire.

I was quartered all this winter at Banbury, in Oxfordshire, and went little abroad; nor had we any action till the latter end of February, when I was ordered to march to Leicester with Sir Marmaduke Langdale, in order, as we thought, to raise a body of men in that county and Staffordshire, to join the king.

We lay at Daventry one night, and continued our march to pass the river above Northampton; that town being possessed by the enemy, we understood a party of Northampton forces were abroad, and intended to attack us.

Accordingly, in the afternoon, our scouts brought us word the enemy were quartered in some villages on the road to Coventry; our commander thinking

it much better to set upon them in their quarters, than to wait for them in the field, resolved to attack them early in the morning, before they were aware of it.

We refreshed ourselves in the field for that day, and getting into a great wood near the enemy, we staid there all night, till almost break of day, without being discovered.

In the morning very early we heard the enemy's trumpets sound to horse; this roused us to look abroad; and sending out a scout, he brought us word a party of the enemy was at hand. We were vexed to be so disappointed; but finding their party small enough to be dealt with, Sir Marmaduke ordered me to charge them with three hundred horse and two hundred dragoons, while he, at the same time, entered the town.

Accordingly I lay still till they came to the very skirt of the wood where I was posted, when I saluted them with a volley from my dragoons out of the wood, and immediately shewed myself with my horse on their front, ready to charge them; they appeared not to be surpris'd, and received our charge with great resolution; and being above four hundred men, they pushed me vigorously in their turn, putting my men into some disorder.

In this extremity I sent to order the dragoons to charge them in the flank, which they did with great bravery, and the other still maintained the

fight with desperate resolution. There was no want of courage on either side; but our dragoons had the advantage, and at last routed them, and drove them back to the village.

Here Sir Marmaduke Langdale had his hands full too; for my firing had alarmed the towns adjacent, that when he came into the town, he found them all in arms; and, contrary to his expectation, two regiments of foot, with about five hundred horse more. As Sir Marmaduke had no foot, only horse and dragoons, this was a surprise to him; but he caused his dragoons to enter the town, and charge the foot, while his horse secured the avenues of the town.

The dragoons bravely attacked the foot, and Sir Marmaduke falling in with his horse, the fight was obstinate and bloody, when the horse that I had routed came flying into the street of the village, and my men at their heels.

Immediately I left the pursuit, and fell in with all my force to the assistance of my friends; and, after an obstinate resistance, we routed the whole party: we killed about seven hundred men, took three hundred and fifty, twenty-seven officers, one hundred arms, all their baggage, and two hundred horses, and continued our march to Harborough, where we halted to refresh ourselves.

Between Harborough and Leicester we met with a party of eight hundred dragoons of the parlia-

ment forces. They found themselves too few to attack; and therefore to avoid us, they got into a small wood; but perceiving themselves discovered, they came boldly out, and placed themselves at the entrance into a lane, lining both sides of the hedges with their shot.

We immediately attacked them, beat them from their hedges, from thence into the wood, and out of the wood again, and forced them at last to a downright runaway on foot among the enclosures, where it was difficult to follow; killed about a hundred of them, and took two hundred and fifty prisoners, with all their horses, and came that night to Leicester.

When we came to Leicester, and had taken up our quarters, Sir Marmaduke Langdale sent for me to sup with him, and told me that he had a secret commission in his pocket, which his majesty had commanded him not to open until he came to Leicester; that now he had sent for me to open it together, that we might know what it was we were to do, and to consider how to do it.

Then pulling out his sealed orders, we found we were to get what force we could together, and a certain number of carriages with ammunition, which the governor of Leicester was to deliver us, and a certain quantity of provisions, especially corn and salt, and to relieve Newark.

This town had long been besieged: the fortifica-

tions, together with its situation, had rendered it the strongest place in England; and as it was the greatest pass in the kingdom, so it was of vast consequence to the king's affairs.

There was in it a garrison of brave old rugged boys, fellows that, like count Tilly's Germans, had iron faces, and they had defended themselves with extraordinary bravery a great while, but now were exceedingly reduced for the want of food.

Accordingly we received the ammunition and provision, and away we went for Newark; about Melton Mowbray, colonel Rositer set upon us with above three thousand men; we were about the same number, having two thousand five hundred horse, and eight hundred dragoons. We had some foot, but they were still at Harborough, and were ordered to come after us.

Rositer, like a brave officer, charged us with great fury, and rather outdid us in number, while we defended ourselves with all the eagerness we could, and gave him to understand we were not so soon to be beaten as he expected.

While the fight continued doubtful, especially on our side, our people, who had charge of the carriages and provisions, began to enclose our flanks with them, as if we had been marching; which, though it was done without orders, had two very good effects, and which did us extraordinary service.

First, it secured us from being charged in the flank, which Rositer had twice attempted; and, secondly, it secured our carriages from being plundered, which had spoiled our whole expedition. Being thus enclosed, we fought with great security; and though Rositer made three desperate charges upon us, he could never break us.

Our men received him with so much courage, and kept their order so well, that the enemy, finding it impossible to force us, gave it over, and left us to pursue our orders. We did not offer to chase them, but contented enough to have repulsed and beaten them off, and our business being to relieve Newark, we proceeded.

If we are to reckon by the enemy's usual method, we got the victory, because we kept the field, and had the pillage of their dead; but otherwise, neither side had any great cause to boast.

We lost about one hundred and fifty men, and near as many hurt; they left one hundred and seventy on the spot, and carried off some. How many they had wounded we could not tell; we got seventy or eighty horse, which helped to remount some of our men that had lost theirs in the fight.

We had, however, this disadvantage, that we were to march on immediately after this service; the enemy only to retire to their quarters, about a mile. This was an injury to our wounded men,

who we were after obliged to leave at Belvoir castle, and from thence we advanced to Newark.

Our business at Newark was to relieve the place, and this we resolved to do, whatever it cost, though, at the same time, we resolved not to fight, unless we were forced to it.

The town was rather blocked up than besieged; the garrison was strong, but ill provided: we had sent them word of our coming, and our orders to relieve them, and they proposed our doing it.

The chief strength of the enemy lay on the other side of the river; but they having also some notice of our design, had sent over forces to strengthen their leaguer on this side. The garrison had often surprised them by sallies, and indeed had chiefly subsisted for some time by what they brought in on this manner,

Sir Marmaduke Langdale, who was our commander for the expedition, was for a general attempt to raise the siege; but I had persuaded him off of that: first, because if we should be beaten, as might be probable, we then lost the town.

Sir Marmaduke briskly replied, "A soldier ought never to suppose he shall be beaten."

"But, Sir," said I, "you will get more honour by relieving the town, than by beating them: one will be a credit to your conduct, as the other will be to your courage; and, if you think you can beat them, you may do it afterwards; and

" then if you are mistaken, the town is nevertheless secured and half your victory gained."

He was prevailed with to adhere to this advice, and accordingly we appeared before the town about two hours before night. The horse drew up near the enemy's works; the enemy drew up within their works, and, seeing no foot, expected our dragoons would dismount and attack them.

They were in the right to let us attack them, because of the advantage of their batteries and works, if that had been our design; but, as we intended only to amuse them, this caution of theirs effected our purpose; for, while we thus faced them with our horse, two regiments of foot, which came up to us but the night before, and was all the infantry we had, with the waggons of provisions, and five hundred dragoons, taking a compass clean round the town, posted themselves on the lower side of the town by the river.

Upon a signal the garrison agreed on before, they sallied out at this very juncture, with all the men they could spare, and dividing themselves in two parties, while one party moved to the left to meet our relief, the other party fell on upon part of that body which faced us.

We kept in motion, and upon this signal advanced to their works, and our dragoons fired upon them; and the horse wheeling and counter-march-

ing often, kept them continually expecting to be attacked.

By this means the enemy were kept employed, and our foot, with the waggons, appearing on that quarter where they were least expected, easily defeated the advanced guards, and forced that post; where, entering the leaguer, the other part of the garrison, who had sallied that way, came up to them, received the waggons, and the dragoons entered with them into the town.

That party which we faced on the other side of the works, knew nothing of what was done till all was over; the garrison retreated in good order, and we drew off, having finished what we came for without fighting.

Thus we plentifully stored the town with all things wanting, and with an addition of five hundred dragoons to their garrison; after which we marched away without fighting a stroke.

Our next orders were to relieve Pontefract castle, another garrison of the king's which had been besieged ever since a few days after the fight at Marston-moor, by the lord Fairfax, Sir Thomas Fairfax, and other generals in their turn.

By the way we were joined with eight hundred horse out of Derbyshire, and some foot, so many as made us in all about four thousand five hundred men.

Colonel Forbes, a Scotchman, commanded at the siege, in the absence of the lord Fairfax; the colonel had sent to my lord for more troops, and his lordship was gathering his forces to come up to him; but he was pleased to come too late.

We came up with the enemy's leaguer about break of day, and having been discovered by their scouts, they, with more courage than discretion, drew out to meet us.

We saw no reason to avoid them, being stronger in horse than they; and though we had but few foot, we had one thousand dragoons, which helped us greatly. We had placed our horse and foot throughout in one line, with two reserves of horse, and between every division of horse a division of foot, only that on the extremes of our wings there were two parties of horse on each point by themselves, and the dragoons in the center, on foot.

Their foot charged us home, and stood with push of pike a great while; but their horse charging our horse and musqueteers, and being closed on the flanks with those two extended troops on our wings, they were presently disordered, and fled out of the field.

The foot, thus deserted, were charged on every side, and broken. They retreated, still fighting, and in good order, for a while: but the garrison sallying upon them at the same time, and being

followed close by our horse; they were scattered, entirely routed, and most of them killed.

The lord Fairfax was come with his horse as far as Ferrybridge, but the fight was over; and all he could do was to rally those that fled, and save some of their carriages, which else had fallen into our hands.

We drew up our little army in order of battle the next day, expecting the lord Fairfax would have charged us; but his lordship was so far from any such thoughts, that he placed a party of dragoons, with orders to fortify the pass at Ferrybridge, to prevent our falling upon him in his retreat, which he needed not to have done; for, having raised the siege of Pontefract, our business was over: we had nothing to say to him, unless we had been strong enough to stay.

We lost not above thirty men in this action, and the enemy three hundred, with about one hundred and fifty prisoners, one piece of cannon, all their ammunition, one thousand arms, and most of their baggage, and colonel Lambert was once taken prisoner, being wounded, but got off again.

We brought no relief for the garrison, but the opportunity to furnish themselves out of the country, which they did very plentifully. The ammunition taken from the enemy was given to them, which they wanted, and was their due; for they had seiz-

ed it in the fall they made, before the enemy was quite defeated.

I cannot omit taking notice, on all occasions, how exceedingly serviceable this method was of posting musqueteers in the intervals, among the horse, in all this war.

I persuaded our generals to it, as much as possible, and I never knew a body of horse beaten that did so; yet I had great difficulty to prevail upon our people to believe it, though it was taught me by Gustavus Adolphus, the greatest general in the world. Prince Rupert did it at the battle of Marston-moor; and had the earl of Newcastle not been obstinate against it in his right wing, as I observed before, the day had not been lost.

In discoursing this with Sir Marmaduke Langdale, I had related several examples of the serviceableness of these small bodies of firemen, and, with great difficulty, brought him to agree, telling him, I would be answerable for the success; after the fight, he told me plainly he saw the advantage of it, and would never fight otherwise again, if he had any foot to place.

Having relieved these two places, we hastened, by long marches, through Derbyshire, to join prince Rupert on the edge of Shropshire and Cheshire. We found colonel Rositer had followed us at a distance ever since the business at Melton Mowbray, but never cared to attack us, and we found he did

the like still. Our general would fain have been doing with him again, but we found him too shy.

Once we laid a trap for him at Dove bridge, between Derby and Burton upon Trent, the body being marched two days before; three hundred dragoons were left to guard the bridge, as if we were afraid he should fall upon us.

Upon this we marched, as I said, on to Burton, and the next day, fetching a compass round, came to a village near Titbury castle, whose name I have forgot, where we lay still expecting our dragoons would be attacked.

Accordingly Rositer, strengthened with some troops of horse from Yorkshire, came up to the bridge, and, finding some dragoons posted, advanced to charge them: the dragoons immediately mounted their horses and fled, as they were ordered; but the old lad was not to be caught so; for he halted immediately at the bridge, and would not come over till he had sent three or four flying parties abroad to discover the country.

One of these parties fell into our hands, and received but coarse entertainment. Finding the plot would not take, we appeared and drew up in view of the bridge, but he would not stir: so we continued our march into Cheshire, where we joined prince Rupert, and prince Maurice, making together a fine body, being above eight thousand horse and dragoons.

This was the best and most successful expedition I was in during this war. It was well concerted, and executed with as much expedition and conduct as could be desired, and the success was answerable to it.

Indeed, considering the season of the year, for we set out from Oxford the latter end of February, the ways bad, and the season wet, it was a terrible march of above two hundred miles, in continual action, and incessantly dodged and observed by a vigilant enemy, and at a time when the north was over-run by their armies, and the Scots wanting employment for their forces; yet, in less than twenty three days, we marched two hundred miles, fought the enemy in open field four times, relieved one garrison besieged, and raised the siege of another, and joined our friends at last in safety.

The enemy was in great pain for Sir William Brereton and his forces, and expresses rid night and day to the Scots in the north, and to the parties in Lancashire, to come to his help. The prince, who used to be rather too forward to fight than otherwise, could not be persuaded to make use of this opportunity, but loitered, if I may be allowed to say so, till the Scots, with a brigade of horse and two thousand foot, had joined him; and then it was not thought proper to engage them.

I took this opportunity to go to Shrewsbury to

visit my father, who was a prisoner of war there, getting a pass from the enemy's governor.

He allowed him the liberty of the town, and sometimes to go to his own house, upon his parole; so that his confinement was not very much to his personal injury: but this, together with the charges he had been at in raising the regiment, and above twenty thousand pounds in money and plate, which at several times he had lent, or given rather, to the king, had reduced our family to very ill circumstances; and now they talked of cutting down his woods.

I had a great deal of discourse with my father on this affair; and finding him extremely concerned, I offered to go to the king, and desire his leave to go to London, and treat about his composition, or to render myself a prisoner in his stead, while he went up himself.

In this difficulty I treated with the governor of the town, who very civilly offered me his pass to go for London, which I accepted; and waiting on prince Rupert, who was then at Worcester, I acquainted him with my design.

The prince was unwilling I should go to London; but told me, he had some prisoners of the parliament's friends in Cumberland, and he would get an exchange for my father.

I replied, if he would give me his word for it,

I knew I might depend upon it, otherwise there was so many of the king's party in their hands, that his majesty was tired with solicitations for exchanges; for we never had a prisoner but there were ten offers of exchanges for him. The prince said, I might depend upon him; and he was as good as his word quickly after.

While the prince lay at Worcester he made an excursion into Herefordshire; and having made some of the gentlemen prisoners, brought them to Worcester; and though it was an action which had not been usual, they being persons not in arms, yet the like being my father's case, who was really not in commission, nor in any military service, having resigned his regiment three years before to me, the prince insisted on exchanging them for such as the parliament had in custody in similar circumstances.

The gentlemen seeing, no remedy, solicited their own case at the parliament, and got it passed in their behalf, and by this means my father got his liberty; and, by the assistance of the earl of Denbigh, got leave to come to London to make a composition, as a delinquent, for his estate.

This they charged at seven thousand pounds; but, by the assistance of the same noble person, he got off for four thousand pounds: some members of the committee moved very kindly, that my father should oblige me to quit the king's service;

but that, as a thing which might be out of his power, was not insisted on.

The modelling the parliament army took them up all this winter, and we were in great hopes the divisions which appeared amongst them might have weakened their party; but when they voted Sir Thomas Fairfax to be general, I confess I was convinced the king's affairs were desperate.

Sir Thomas was the fittest man amongst them to undertake the charge: he was a complete general, strict in his discipline, wary in conduct, fearless in action, unwearied in the fatigue of the war, and, withal, of a modest, noble, generous disposition.

We all apprehended danger from him, and heartily wished him of our own side; and the king was so sensible of it, that when an account was brought him of the choice they had made, he replied, "I am sorry for it; I had rather it had been any body than he."

The first attempts of this new general and new army were at Oxford, which, by the neighbourhood of a numerous garrison in Abingdon, began to be very much straitened for provisions; and the new forces under Cromwell and Skippon, one lieutenant general, the other major general, to Fairfax, approaching with a design to block it up, the king left the place, supposing his absence would draw them away, as it soon did,

The king, resolving to leave Oxford, marched

from thence with all his forces, the garrison excepted, with design to have gone to Bristol; but, hearing the plague was in that city, altered the measures, and changed the course of the king's designs, so he marched for Worcester the beginning of May, 1645. The foot, with a train of forty pieces of cannon, marching into Worcester, the horse staid behind some time in Gloucestershire.

The first action our army did was to raise the siege of Chester; Sir William Breton had besieged it, or rather blocked it up; and when his majesty came to Worcester he sent prince Rupert, with four thousand horse and dragoons, with orders to join some foot out of Wales, to raise the siege; but Sir William thought fit to withdraw and not stay for them, and the town was freed without fighting. The governor took care in this interval to furnish himself with all things necessary for another siege; and, as for ammunition and other necessaries, he was in no want.

I was sent with a party into Staffordshire, with design to intercept a convoy of stores coming from London for the use Sir William Breton; but they having some notice of the design, stopped, and went out of the road to Burton upon Trent, and so I missed them; but that we might not come back quite empty, we attacked Hawkesly house, and took it, where we got good booty, and brought eighty

prisoners back to Worcester. From Worcester the king advanced into Shropshire, and took his headquarters at Bridgenorth.

This was a very happy march of the king's, and had his majesty proceeded, he had certainly cleared the north once more of his enemies, for the country was generally for him. At his advancing so far as Bridgenorth, Sir William Brereton fled up into Lancashire; the Scots brigades who were with him retreated in the north, while yet the king was about forty miles from them, and all things lay open for conquest.

The new generals, Fairfax and Cromwell, lay about Oxford preparing as if they would besiege it, and gave the king's army so much leisure, that his majesty might have been at Newcastle before they could be half way to him. But Heaven, when the ruin of a person or party is determined, always so infatuates their councils, as to make them instrumental to it themselves.

The king let slip this great opportunity, as some thought, intending to break into the associated counties of Northampton, Cambridge, and Norfolk, where he had some interests forming. What the design was we knew not; but the king turned eastward, and marched into Leicestershire, and having treated the country but very indifferently, as having deserved no better of us, laid siege to Leicester.

This was but a short siege; for the king, resolving not to lose time, fell on with his great guns, and having beaten down their works, our foot entered, after a vigorous resistance, and took the town by storm.

There was some blood shed here, the town being carried by assault; but it was their own faults; for after the town was taken, the soldiers and townsmen obstinately kept us in the market place; in so much that the horse was called to enter the town to clear the streets. But this was not all: I was commanded to advance with these horse, being three regiments, and to enter the town; the foot, who were engaged in the streets, crying out, "Horse! horse!"

Immediately I advanced to the gate, for we were drawn up about musquet shot from the works, to have supported our foot, in case of a fall. Having seized the gate, I placed a guard of horse there, with orders to let no body pass in or out, and, dividing my troops, rode up by two ways towards the market place.

The garrison, defending themselves in the market place and in the church-yard with great obstinacy, killed us a great many men; but, as soon as our horse appeared, they demanded quarter, which our foot refused them in the first heat, as is frequent in all nations in like cases, until at last they threw down their arms, and yielded at discretion; and

then I can testify to the world that fair quarter was given them.

I am the more particular in this relation, having been an eye-witness of the action, because the king was reproached in all the public libels with which those times abounded for having put a great many to death, and hanged the committee of the parliament, and some Scots, in cold blood, which was a notorious forgery; and as I know there was no such thing done, so I must acknowledge I never saw any inclination in his majesty to cruelty, or to act any thing which was not practised by the general laws of war, and by men of honour in all nations.

But the matter of fact, in respect to the garrison, was as I have related; and if they had thrown down their arms sooner, they had had mercy sooner; but it was not for a conquering army, entering a town by storm, to offer conditions of quarter in the streets,

Another circumstance was, that a great many of the inhabitants, both men and women, were killed, which is most true; and the case was thus:

The inhabitants, to shew their over-forward zeal to defend the town, fought in the breach; nay, the very women, to the honour of the Leicester ladies, if they like it, officiously did their parts; and after the town was taken, and when, if they had had any

brains in their zeal, they would have kept their houses, and been quiet; but they fired upon our men out of their windows, and from the tops of their houses, and threw tiles upon their heads; and I had several of my men wounded so, and seven or eight killed.

This exasperated us to the last degree; and finding one house better manned than ordinary, and many shot fired at us out of the windows, I caused my men to attack it, resolving to make them an example for the rest; which they did, and breaking open the doors, they killed all they found there, without distinction; and I appeal to the world if they were to blame.

If the parliament committee, or the Scots deputies, were here, they ought to have been quiet, since the town was taken; but they began with us, and, I think, brought it upon themselves. This is the whole case, so far as came within my knowledge, for which his majesty was so much abused.

We took here colonel Gray and captain Hacker, with about three hundred prisoners, and about three hundred more were killed. This was the last day of May, 1645.

His majesty, having given over Oxford for lost, continued here some days, viewed the town, ordered the fortifications to be augmented, and prepared to make it the seat of war.

But the parliament, roused at this appearance of the king's army, ordered their general to raise the siege of Oxford, where the garrison had, in a rally, ruined some of their works, and killed them a hundred and fifty men, taking several prisoners, and carrying them with them into the city; and ordered him to march towards Leicester to observe the king.

The king had now a small, but gallant, army, all brave tried soldiers, and seemed eager to engage the new-modelled army; and his majesty, hearing that Sir Thomas Fairfax, having raised the siege of Oxford, advanced towards him, fairly saved him the trouble of a long march, and met him half way.

The army lay at Daventry, and Fairfax at Towcester, about eight miles off. Here the king sent away six hundred horse, with three thousand head of cattle, to relieve his people in Oxford; the cattle he might have spared better than the men.

The king having thus victualled Oxford, changed his resolution of fighting Fairfax, to whom Cromwell was now joined with four thousand men, or was within a day's march, and marched northward.

This was unhappy counsel, because late given: had we marched northward at first, we had done it; but thus it was. Now we marched with a tri-

umphing enemy at our heels, and at Naseby their advanced parties attacked our rear.

The king, upon this, altered his resolution again, and resolved to fight, and at midnight called us up at Harborough to come to a council of war.

Fate and the king's opinion determined the council of war; and it was resolved to fight. Accordingly the van, in which was prince Rupert's brigade of horse, of which my regiment was a part, counter marched early in the morning.

By five o'clock in the morning* the whole army, in order of battle, began to discover the enemy from the rising grounds, about a mile from Naseby, and moved towards them. They were drawn up on a little ascent in a large common fallow field, in a line extended from one side of the field to the other, the field something more than a mile over; our army in the same order, in a line, with the reserves.

Prince Rupert commanded the right wing of the horse, Sir Marmaduke Langdale the left, and the king the main body. Of the enemy, Fairfax and Skippon led the body, Cromwell and Rositer the right, and Ireton the left. The numbers of both armies so equal as not to differ five hundred men,

* June 14, 1645.

saw that the king had most horse by about one thousand, and Fairfax most foot by about five hundred. The number was in each army about eighteen thousand men.

The armies coming close up, the wings engaged first. The prince with his right wing charged with his wonted fury, and drove all the parliament's wing of horse, one division excepted, clear out of the field. Ireton, who commanded this wing, to give him his due, rallied often, and fought like a lion; but our wing bore down all before them, and pursued them with a terrible execution.

Ireton, seeing one division of his horse left, repaired to them, and keeping his ground, fell foul of a brigade of our foot, who coming up to the head of the line, he, enraged, charged them with his horse; but they with their pikes made great havock; so that this division was entirely routed. Ireton had his horse killed under him, himself thrust through the thigh with a pike, wounded in the face with a halbert, and was taken prisoner by a captain of foot.

Cromwell, who commanded the parliament's right wing, charged Sir Marmaduke Langdale with extraordinary fury; but he, an old tried soldier, stood firm and received the charge with equal gallantry, exchanging all their shot, carbines and pistols, and then fell on sword in hand.

Rositer and Whaley had the better on the point

of the wing, and routed two divisions of horse, pushing them behind the reserves, where they rallied, and charged again, but were at last defeated; the rest of the horse now charged in the flank retreated fighting, and were pushed behind the reserves of foot.

While this was doing, the foot engaged with equal fierceness, and for two hours there was a terrible fire. The king's foot, backed with gallant officers, and full of rage at the rout of their horse, bore down the enemy's brigade led by Skippon. The old man wounded, retreated bleeding to their reserves.

All the foot, except the general's brigade, were thus driven into the reserves, where their officers rallied them, and brought them on to a fresh charge; and here the horse, having driven our horse about a quarter of a mile from the foot, faced about, and fell in on the rear of the foot.

Had our right wing done thus, the day had been secured; but prince Rupert, according to his custom, following the flying enemy, never concerned himself with the safety of those behind; and yet he returned sooner than he had done in like cases too.

At our return we found all in confusion, our foot broken, all but one brigade, which, though charged in front, flank, and rear, could not be broken, till Sir Thomas Fairfax himself came up.

to the charge with fresh men, and then they were rather cut in pieces than beaten; for they stood with their pikes charged every way to the last extremity.

In this condition, at the distance of a quarter of a mile, we saw the king rallying his horse, and preparing to renew the fight; and our wing of horse coming up to him, gave him opportunity to draw up a large body of horse, so large, that all the enemy's horse facing us stood still and looked on, but did not think fit to charge us, till their foot, who had entirely broken our main battle, were put into order again, and brought up to us.

The officers about the king advised his majesty rather to draw off; for, since our foot were lost, it would be too much odds to expose the horse to the fury of their whole army, and would but be sacrificing his best troops, without any hopes of success.

The king, though with great regret at the loss of his foot, yet seeing there was no other hope, took this advice, and retreated in good order to Harborough, and from thence to Leicester.

This was the occasion of the enemy having so great a number of prisoners; for the horse being thus gone off, the foot had no means to make their retreat, and were obliged to yield themselves. Ireton now made the captain his prisoner, but gave

him his liberty for the kindness he before had received from him.

Cromwell and Rositer, with all the enemy's horse, followed us as far as Leicester, and killed all that they could lay hold on. The king, expecting the enemy would come to Leicester, removed to Ashby de la Zouch, where we had some time to recollect ourselves.

This was the most fatal action of the whole war; not so much for the loss of our cannon, ammunition, and baggage, of which the enemy boasted so much, but as it was impossible for the king ever to retrieve it: the foot, the best that ever he was master of, could never be supplied; his army in the west was exposed to certain ruin, the north overrun with the Scots; in short, the case grew desperate, and the king was once upon the point of bidding us all disband, and shift for ourselves.

We lost in this fight above two thousand slain, and the parliament near as many, but the prisoners were a greater number; the whole body of foot being, as I have said, dispersed, there were four thousand five hundred prisoners, besides four hundred officers, two thousand horses, twelve pieces of cannon, forty barrels of powder, all the king's baggage, coaches, most of his servants, and his secretary, with his cabinet of letters, of which the parliament made great improvement, and caused his private letters between his majesty and the queen, her

majesty's letters to the king, and other secret affairs, to be printed.

After this fatal blow, being retreated, as I have said, to Ashby de la Zouch, in Leicestershire, the king ordered us to divide; his majesty, with a body of horse, about three thousand, went to Litchfield, and through Cheshire into North Wales; and Sir Marmaduke Langdale, with about two thousand five hundred, went to Newark.

The king remained in Wales for several months; and though the length of the war had almost drained that country of men, yet the king raised a great many men there, recruited his horse regiments, and got together six or seven regiments of foot, which seemed to look like the beginning of a new army.

I had frequent discourses with his majesty in this low ebb of his affairs, and he would often wish he had not exposed his army at Naseby.

I took the freedom once to make a proposition to his majesty, which, if it had taken effect, I verily believe would have given a new turn to his affairs; and that was, at once to flight all his garrisons in the kingdom, and give private orders to all the soldiers in every place to join in bodies, and meet at two general rendezvous, which I would have appointed to be, one at Bristol, and one at Westchester.

I demonstrated how easily all the forces might reach these two places; for both being strong and

wealthy, and both sea-ports, he would have a free communication by sea with Ireland, and with his friends abroad; and having Wales entirely his own, he might yet have an opportunity to make good terms for himself, or else have another fair field with the enemy.

Upon a calculation of his troops in several gar-risons, and small bodies dispersed about, I convinced the king, by his own accounts, that he might have two complete armies, each of twenty-five thousand foot, eight thousand horse, and two thousand dragoons; that the lord Goring and the lord Hopton might ship all their forces, and come by sea in two tides, and be with him in a shorter time than the enemy could follow.

With two such bodies he might face the enemy; but now his men were only sacrificed, and eaten up by piece-meal in a party war, and spent their lives and estates to do him no service: that if the parliament garrisoned the towns and castles he should quit, they would lessen their army, and not dare to seek him in the field; and if they did not, but left them open, then it would be no loss to him, but he might possess them as often as he pleased.

This advice I pressed with such arguments, that the king was once going to dispatch orders for the doing it; but to be irresolute in counsel is always the companion of a declining fortune; the king

was doubtful, and could not resolve till it was too late.

And yet, though the king's forces were very low, his majesty was resolved to make one adventure more, and it was a strange one; for, with but a handful of men, he made a desperate march almost two hundred and fifty miles in the middle of the whole kingdom, compassed about with armies and parties innumerable, traversed the heart of his enemy's country, entered their associated counties, where no army had ever yet come; and, in spite of all their victorious troops facing and following him, alarmed even London itself, and returned safe to Oxford.

His majesty continued in Wales from the battle at Naseby till the 5th or 6th of August, and till he had an account from all parts of the progress of his enemies, and the posture of his own affairs.

Here he found that the enemy being hard pressed in Somersetshire by the lord Goring, and lord Hopton's forces, who had taken Bridgewater, and distressed Taunton, which was now at the point of surrender, they had ordered Fairfax and Cromwell, and the whole army, to march westward to relieve the town; which they did, and Goring's troops were worsted, and himself wounded at the fight at Langport.

The Scots, who were always the dead weight

upon the king's affairs, having no more work to do in the north, were, at the parliament's desire, advanced southward, and then ordered away towards South Wales, and were set down to the siege of Hereford.

Here this famous Scotch army spent several months in a fruitless siege; ill provided of ammunition, and worse with money; and having sat near three months before the town, and done little but eaten up the country round them, upon the repeated accounts of the progress of the marquis of Montrose in that kingdom, and pressing instances of their countrymen, they resolved to raise their siege, and go home to relieve their friends.

The king, who was willing to be rid of the Scots upon good terms, and therefore to hasten them, and lest they should pretend to push on the siege to take the town first, gave it out that he was resolved, with all his forces, to go into Scotland, and join Montrose; and so, having secured Scotland, to renew the war from thence.

And accordingly his majesty marched northwards with a body of four thousand horse; and, had the king really done this, and with that body of horse marched away, for he had the start of all his enemies by above a fortnight's march, he had then had the fairest opportunity for a general turn of all his affairs that he ever had in all the latter part of this war.

For Montrose, a gallant, daring foldier, who, from the least shadow of force in the farthest corner of his country, had, rolling like a snowball, spread all over Scotland, was come into the south parts, and had summoned Edinburgh, frightened away their statesmen, beaten their soldiers at Dundee and other places; and letters and messengers on the heels of one another repeated their cries to their brethren in England, to lay before them the sad condition of the country, and to hasten the army to their relief. The Scots lords of the enemy's party fled to Berwick, and the chancellor of Scotland went himself to general Lesly to press him for help.

In this extremity of affairs Scotland lay when we marched out of Wales. The Scots, at the siege of Hereford, hearing the king was gone northward with his horse, concluded he was gone directly for Scotland, and immediately sent Lesly with four thousand horse and foot to follow, but did not yet raise the siege.

But the king, still irresolute, turned away to the eastward, and went to Litchfield, where he shewed his resentment at colonel Hastings for his easy surrender of Leicester.

In this march the enemy took heart; we had troops of horse on every side upon us, like hounds started at a fresh stag. Lesly, with the Scots, and a strong body followed in our rear, major-general Poyntz, Sir John Gell, colonel Rositer, and

others, in our way; they pretended to be ten thousand horse, and yet never dared to face us. The Scots made one attempt upon a troop which staid a little behind, and took some prisoners; but when a regiment of our horse faced them they retired.

At a village near Litchfield another party of about a thousand horse attacked my regiment; we were on the left of the army, and at a little too far a distance. I happened to be with the king at that time, and my lieutenant colonel with me; so that the major had charge of the regiment; he made a very handsome defence, but sent messengers for speedy relief; we were on a march, and therefore all ready, and the king ordered me a regiment of dragoons and three hundred horse, and the body halted to bring us off, not knowing how strong the enemy might be.

When I came to the place I found my major hard laid to, but fighting like a lion; the enemy had broke in upon him in two places, and had routed one troop, cutting them off from the body, and had made them all prisoners.

Upon this I fell in with the three hundred horse, and cleared my major from a party who charged him in the flank; the dragoons immediately lighting, one party of them came upon my wing, and saluting the enemy with their musquets, put them to a stand; the other party of dragoons wheeling to the left, endeavoured to get behind them.

The enemy perceiving they should be over-

powered, retreated in as good order as they could, but left us most of our prisoners, and about thirty of their own. We lost fifteen of our men, and the enemy about forty, chiefly by the fire of our dragoons in their retreat.

In this posture we continued our march; and though the king halted at Litchfield, which was a dangerous article, having so many of the enemy's troops upon his hands, and this time gave them opportunity to get into a body; yet the Scots, with their general Lesly, resolving for the north, the rest of the troops were not able to face us, till having ravaged the enemy's country through Staffordshire, Warwick, Leicester, and Nottinghamshire, we came to the leaguer before Newark.

The king was once more on the mind to have gone into Scotland, and called a council of war to that purpose; but then it was resolved by all hands that it would be too late to attempt it; for the Scots and major-general Poyntz were before us, and several strong bodies of horse in our rear; and there was no venturing now, unless any advantage presented to rout one of those parties which attended us.

Upon these and like considerations we resolved for Newark; on our approach the forces which blocked up that town drew off, being too weak to oppose us; for the king had now above five thousand horse and dragoons, besides three hundred

horse and dragoons he took with him from Newark.

We halted at Newark to assist the garrison, or give them time rather to furnish themselves from the country with what they wanted, which they were very diligent in doing; for in two days they filled a large island which lies under the town, between the two branches of the Trent, with sheep, oxen, cows, and horses, an incredible number; and our affairs being now something desperate, we were not very nice in our usage of the country; for really if it was not with a resolution, both to punish the enemy and enrich ourselves, no man can give any rational account why this desperate journey was undertaken.

It is certain the Newarkers, in the respite they gained by our coming, got above fifty thousand pounds from the country round them, in corn, cattle, money, and other plunder.

From hence we broke into Lincolnshire, and the king lay at Belvoir castle, and from Belvoir castle to Stamford. The swiftness of our march was a terrible surprise to the enemy; for our van being at a village on the great road called Stilton, the country people fled into the isle of Ely, and every way, as if all was lost. Indeed our dragoons treated the country very coarsely; and all our men in general made themselves rich.

Between Stilton and Huntingdon we had a smal

buffle with some of the association troops of horse, but they were soon routed, and fled to Huntingdon, where they gave such an account of us to their fellows, that they did not think fit to stay for us, but left their foot to defend themselves as well as they could.

While this was doing in the van, a party from Burleigh house, near Stamford, the seat of the earl of Exeter, pursued four troops of our horse, who, straggling towards Peterborough, and committing some disorders there, were surprised before they could get into a posture of fighting; and encumbered, as I suppose, with their plunder, they were entirely routed, lost most of their horses, and were forced to come away on foot; but finding themselves in this condition, they got into a body in the inclosures, and in that posture turning dragoons, they lined the hedges, and fired upon the enemy with their carbines.

This way of fighting, though not very pleasant to troopers, put the enemy's horse to some stand, and encouraged our men to venture into a village where the enemy had secured forty of their horse; and boldly charging the guard, they beat them off and recovered those horses; the rest made their retreat good to Wandsford bridge; but we lost near a hundred horses, and twelve of our men taken prisoners.

The next day the king took Huntingdon; the

foot which were left in the town, as I observed by their horse, had posted themselves at the foot of the bridge, and fortified the pass with such things as the haste and shortness of the time would allow; and in this posture they seemed resolute to defend themselves.

I confess, had they in time planted a good force here, they might have put a full stop to our little army; for the river is large and deep, the country on the left marshy, full of drains and ditches, and unfit for horse, and we must have either turned back, or took the right hand into Bedfordshire; but there not being above four hundred foot, and they forsaken of their horse, the resistance they made was to no other purpose than to give us occasion to knock them on the head, and plunder the town.

However, they defended the bridge, as I have said, and opposed our passage. I was this day in the van, and our forlorn having entered Huntingdon, without any great resistance till they came to the bridge, finding it barricaded, they sent me word; I caused the troops to halt, and rid up to the forlorn to view the countenance of the enemy, and found, by the posture they had put themselves in, that they resolved to sell us the passage as dear as they could.

I sent to the king for some dragoons, and gave him an account of what I observed of the enemy,

and that I judged them to be a thousand men, for I could not particularly see their numbers.

Accordingly the king ordered five hundred dragoons to attack the bridge, commanded by a major; the enemy had two hundred musqueteers placed on the bridge, their barricade served them for a breast-work on the front, and the low walls on the bridge served to secure their flanks; two bodies of their foot were placed on the opposite banks of the river, and a reserve stood in the highway on the rear.

The number of their men could not have been better ordered, and they wanted not courage answerable to the conduct of the party. They were commanded by a captain Bennet, a resolute officer, who stood in the front of his men on the bridge, with a pike in his hand.

Before we began to fall on, the king ordered to view the river, to see if it was no where passable, or any boat to be had; but the river being not fordable, and the boats all secured on the other side, the attack was resolved on, and the dragoons fell on with extraordinary bravery.

The foot defended themselves obstinately, and beat off our dragoons twice; and though Bennet was killed upon the spot, and after him his lieutenant, yet their officers relieving them with fresh men, they would certainly have beat us all off, had not a venturesome fellow, one of our dragoons, thrown

himself into the river, swam over, and, in the midst of a shower of musquet-bullets, cut the rope which tied a great flat-bottom boat, and brought her safe.

With the help of this boat I got over a hundred troopers first, and then their horses, and then two hundred more without their horses; and with this party fell in with one of the small bodies of foot that were posted on that side, and having routed them, and after them the reserve which stood in the road, I made up to the other party; they stood their ground, and having rallied the runaways of both the other parties, charged me with their pikes, and brought me to a retreat; but by this time the king had sent over three hundred men more, and they coming up to me, the foot retreated.

Those on the bridge finding how it was, and having no supplies sent them as before, fainted, and fled; and the dragoons rushing forward, most of them were killed; about one hundred and fifty of the enemy were killed, of which all the officers at the bridge; the rest run away.

The town suffered for it; for our men left them little of any thing they could carry. Here we halted, and raised contributions, took money of the country, and of the open towns, to exempt them from plunder.

Twice we faced the town of Cambridge, and several of our officers advised his majesty to storm it; but having no foot, and but one thousand two

hundred dragoons, wiser heads diverted him from it; and, leaving Cambridge on the left, we marched to Wooburn, in Bedfordshire, and our parties raised money all over the county quite into Hertfordshire, within five miles of St. Alban's.

The swiftness of our march, and uncertainty which way we intended, prevented all possible preparation to oppose us, and we met with no party able to make head against us.

From Woodburn the king went through Buckingham to Oxford; some of our men straggling in the villages for plunder, were often picked up by the enemy; but in all this long march we did not lose two hundred men, got an incredible booty, and brought six waggons laden with money, besides two thousand horses, and three thousand head of cattle, into Oxford.

From Oxford his majesty moved again into Gloucestershire, having left about fifteen hundred of his horse at Oxford, to scour the country and raise contributions, which they did as far as Reading.

Sir Thomas Fairfax was returned from taking Bridgewater, and was sat down before Bristol, in which prince Rupert commanded with a strong garrison two thousand five hundred foot and a thousand horse. We had not force enough to attempt any thing there; but the Scots, who lay still before Hereford, were afraid of us, having before parted with all

their horse under lieutenant general Lesly, but ill stored with provisions; and if we came on their backs, were in a fair way to be starved, or made to buy their provisions at the price of their blood.

His majesty was sensible of this, and had we had but ten regiments of foot, would certainly have fought the Scots; but we had no foot, or so few as was not worth while to march them. However, the king marched to Worcester, and the Scots apprehending they should be blocked up, immediately raised the siege, pretending it was to go help their brethren in Scotland, and away they marched northwards.

We picked up some of their stragglers, but they were so poor, had been so ill paid, and so harrassed at the siege, that they had neither money nor clothes; and the poor soldiers fed upon apples and roots, and eat the very green corn as it grew in the fields, which reduced them to a very sorry condition of health, for they died like people infected with the plague.

It was now debated whether we should yet march for Scotland, but two things prevented:

1. The plague was broke out there, and multitudes died of it, which made the king decline it.
2. The marquis of Montrose having routed a whole brigade of Lesly's best horse, and carried all before him, wrote to his majesty, that he did not now want assistance, but was in hopes in a few days

to send a body of foot into England, to his majesty's succour.

This over confidence of his was his ruin; for, on the contrary, had he earnestly pressed the king to have marched, and fallen in with his horse, the king had done it, and been absolutely master of Scotland in a fortnight's time; but Montrose was too confident, and defied them all, till at last they got their forces together, and Lesly with his horse out of England, worsted him in two or three encounters, and then never left him till they drove him out of Scotland.

While his majesty staid at Worcester several messengers came to him from Cheshire for relief, being exceedingly straightened by the forces of the parliament; in order to which the king marched, but Shrewsbury being in the enemy's hands, he was obliged to go round by Ludlow, where he was joined by some foot out of Wales.

I took this opportunity to ask his majesty's leave to go by Shrewsbury to my father's; and taking only two servants, I left the army two days before they marched.

This was the most unfoldier-like action that ever I was guilty of, to go out of the army to pay a visit when a time of action was just at hand; and though I protest I had not the least intimation, no not from my own thoughts, that the army would engage, at least before they came to Chester, before

which I intended to meet them; yet it looked so ill, so like an excuse, or a cowardliness, or disaffection to the cause and to my master's interest, or something I know not what, that I could not bear to think of it, nor never had the courage to see the king's face after it.

From Ludlow the king marched to relieve Chester; Poyntz, who commanded the parliament's forces, followed the king, with design to join with the forces before Chester, under colonel Jones, before the king could come up.

To that end Poyntz passed through Shrewsbury the day that the king marched from Ludlow; yet the king's forces got the start of him, and forced him to engage.

Had the king engaged him but three hours sooner, and consequently farther off from Chester, he had ruined him; for Poyntz's men, not able to stand the shock of the king's horse, gave ground, and would in half an hour more been beaten out of the field; but colonel Jones, with a strong party from the camp, which was within two miles, came up in the heat of the action, fell on in the king's rear, and turned the scale of the day.

The body was, after an obstinate fight, defeated, and a great many gentlemen of quality killed and taken prisoners; the earl of Litchfield was of the number of the former, and sixty-seven officers of the latter, with a thousand others.

The king with about five hundred horse got into Chester, and from thence into Wales, whither all that could get away made up to him as fast as they could, but in a bad condition.

This was the last stroke they struck; the rest of the war was nothing but taking all his garrisons from him, one by one, till they finished the war with the capturing his of person; and then, for want of other business, fell to fighting among themselves.

I was quite disconsolate at the news of this last action, and the more because I was not there; my regiment was wholly dispersed; my lieutenant colonel, a gentleman of a good family, and a near relation to my mother, was prisoner; my major and three captains killed, and most of the rest taken prisoners.

The king, hopeless of any considerable party in Wales, Bristol being surrendered, sent for prince Rupert and prince Maurice, who came to him. With them, and the lord Digby, Sir Marmaduke Langdale, and a great train of gentlemen, his majesty marched to Newark again, left a thousand horse with Sir William Vaughan, to attempt the relief of Chester; in doing whereof he was routed the second time by Jones and his men, and entirely dispersed.

The chief strength the king had in these parts was at Newark, and the parliament were very earnest with the Scots to march southward, and to lay

siege to Newark ; and while the parliament pressed them to it, and they sat still, and delayed it, several heats began, and some ill blood between them, which afterwards broke into open war.

The English reproached the Scots with pretending to help them, and really hindering their affairs. The Scots returned, that they came to fight for them, and are left to be starved, and can neither get money nor clothes.

At last they came to this : the Scots will come to the siege, if the parliament will send them money, but not before : however, as people sooner agree in doing ill, than in doing well, they came to terms, and the Scots came with their whole army to the siege of Newark.

The king, foreseeing the siege, called his friends about him, told them, he saw his circumstances were such, that they could help him but little, nor he protect them, and advised them to separate.

The lord Digby, with Sir Marmaduke Langdale, with a strong body of horse, attempted to get into Scotland, to join with Montrose, who was still in the Highlands, though reduced to a low ebb ; but these gentlemen are fallen upon on every side and routed, and at last being totally broken and dispersed, they fly to the earl of Derby's protection in the isle of Man.

Prince Rupert, prince Maurice, colonel Gerrard, and above four hundred gentlemen, all officers of

horse, laid their commissions down, and seizing upon Wootton house for a retreat, made proposals to the parliament to leave the kingdom, upon their parole not to return again in arms against the parliament, which was accepted, though afterwards the princes declined it.

I sent my man post to the princes to be included in this treaty, and for leave for all that would accept of like conditions; but they had given in the list of their names, and could not alter it.

This was a sad time; the poor remains of the king's fortunes went every where to wreck; every garrison of the enemy was full of the cavalier prisoners, and every garrison the king had was beset with enemies, either blocked up or besieged.

Goring and the lord Hopton were the only remains of the king's forces which kept in a body, and Fairfax was pushing them with all imaginable vigour, with his whole army, about Exeter, and other parts of Devonshire and Cornwall.

In this condition the king left Newark in the night, and got to Oxford.

The king had in Oxford eight thousand men, and the towns of Banbury, Farringdon, Dunnington castle, and such places as might have been brought together in twenty-four hours, fifteen or twenty thousand men, with which, if he had then resolved to have quitted the place, and collected the forces in Worcester, Hereford, Lichfield, Ashby de

la Zouch, and all the small castles and garrisons he had thereabout, he might have had near forty thousand men, might have beaten the Scots from Newark, colonel Jones from Chester, and all before Fairfax, who was in the west, could be able to come to their relief, and this his majesty's friends in North Wales had concerted; and in order to it, Sir Jacob Astly gathered what forces he could in our parts, and attempted to join the king at Oxford, and to have proposed it to him; but Sir Jacob was entirely routed at Stow on the Would; and taken prisoner, and of three thousand men not above six hundred came to Oxford.

All the king's garrisons dropt one by one; Hereford, which had stood out against the whole army of the Scots, was surprized by six men and a lieutenant, dressed up as country labourers, and a constable pressed to work, who cut the guards in pieces, and let in a party of the enemy.

Chester was reduced by famine, all the attempts the king made to relieve it being frustrated.

Sir Thomas Fairfax routed the lord Hopton at Torrington, and drove him to such extremities, that he was forced up into the farthest corner of Cornwall. The lord Hopton had a gallant body of horse with him of nine brigades, but no foot; Fairfax, a great army.

Heartless and tired out with continual ill news and ill success, I had frequent meetings with some

gentlemen, who had escaped from the rout of Sir William Vaughan, and we agreed upon a meeting at Worcester of all the friends we could get, to see if we could raise a body fit to do any service; or, if not, to consider what was to be done.

At this meeting we had almost as many opinions as people; our strength appeared too weak to make any attempt; the game was too far gone in our parts to be retrieved; all we could make up did not amount to above eight hundred horse.

It was unanimously agreed not to go into the parliament as long as our royal master did not give up the cause; but in all places, and by all possible methods, to do him all the service we could.

Some proposed one thing, some another; at last we proposed getting vessels to carry us to the Isle of Man to the earl of Derby, as Sir Marmaduke Langdale, lord Digby, and others, had done.

I did not foresee any service it would be to the king's affairs; but I started a proposal, that marching to Pembroke in a body, we should there seize upon all the vessels we could, and embarking ourselves, horses, and what foot we could get, cross the Severn sea, and land in Cornwall, to the assistance of Charles prince of Wales, who was in the army of the lord Hopton, and where only there seemed to be any possibility of a chance for the remaining part of our cause.

This proposal was not without its difficulties, as

how to get to the sea side; and, when there; what assurance of shipping. The enemy, under major-general Langhorn, had over-run Wales, and it would be next to impossible to effect it.

We could never carry our proposal with the whole assembly; but, however, about two hundred of us resolved to attempt it, and the meeting being broke up without coming to any conclusion, we had a private meeting among ourselves to effect it.

We dispatched private messengers to Swansea and Pembroke, and other places; but they all discouraged us from the attempt that way, advised us to go higher towards north Wales, where the king's interest had more friends, and the parliament had no forces.

Upon this we met, and resolved, and having sent several messengers that way, one of our men provided us two small vessels in a little creek near Harleigh castle, in Merionethshire. We marched away with what expedition we could, and embarked in the two vessels accordingly.

It was the worst voyage sure that ever men went; for first, we had no manner of accommodation for so many people, hay for our horses we could not get any, or very little, but good store of oats, which served us for our own bread as well as provender for the horses.

In this condition we put off to sea, and had a fair

wind all the first night, but early in the morning a sudden storm drove us within two or three leagues of Ireland.

Under this misfortune, sea-sick, our horses rolling about upon one another, and ourselves stifled for want of room, no cabins nor beds, very cold weather, and very indifferent diet, we wished ourselves ashore again a thousand times; and yet we were not willing to go on shore in Ireland, if we could help it; for the rebels having possession of every place, that was just having our throats cut at once.

Having rolled about at the mercy of the winds all day, the storm ceasing in the evening, we had fair weather again, but wind enough, which being large, in two days and a night we came upon the coast of Cornwall, and, to our no small comfort, landed the next day at St. Ives in the county of Cornwall.

We rested ourselves here, and sent an express to the lord Hopton, who was then in Devonshire, of our arrival, and desired him to assign us quarters, and send us his farther orders. His Lordship expressed a very great satisfaction at our arrival, and left it to our own conduct to join him as we saw convenient.

We were marching to join him, when news came, that Fairfax had given him an entire defeat at Tor-

ington. This was but the old story over again; we had been used to ill news a great while, and it was the less surprize to us.

Upon this news we halted at Bodmin, till we should hear farther; and it was not long before we saw a confirmation of the news before our eyes; for the lord Hopton, with the remainder of his horse, which he had brought off at Torrington in a very shattered condition, retreated to Launceston, the first town in Cornwall, and hearing that Fairfax pursued him, came on to Bodmin.

Hither he summoned all the troops which he had left, which when he had got together, where a fine body indeed of five thousand horse, but few foot but what were at Pendennis, Barnstaple, and other garrisons; these were commanded by the lord Hopton; the lord Goring had taken shipping for France, to get relief, a few days before.

Here a grand council of war was called, and several things were proposed, but as it always is in distress, people are most irresolute, so it was here: some were for breaking through by force, our number being superior to the enemy's horse.

To fight them with their foot would be desperation, and ridiculous; and to retreat, would but be to coop up ourselves in a narrow place, where at last, we must be forced to fight upon disadvantage, or yield at mercy. Others opposed this as a def-

perate action, and without probability of success; and all were of different opinions.

I confess, when I saw how things were, I saw it was a lost game, and I was for the opinion of breaking through, and doing it now, while the country was open and large, and not being forced to it when it must be with more disadvantage; but nothing was resolved on, and so we retreated before the enemy. Some small skirmishes there happened near Bodmin, but none that were very considerable.

It was the 1st of March when we quitted Bodmin, and quartered at large at Columb, St. Denis, and Truro; and the enemy took his quarters at Bodmin, posting his horse at the passes from Padstow on the north, to War-bridge, Lestwithiel, and Foy, spreading so from sea to sea, that now breaking through was impossible. There was no more room for counsel; for unless we had ships to carry us off, we had nothing to do but when we were fallen upon, to defend ourselves, and sell victory as dear as we could to the enemy.

Charles, prince of Wales, seeing the distress we were in, and loath to fall into the enemy's hands, shipped himself on board some vessels at Falmouth, with about four hundred lords and gentlemen; and as I had no command here, to oblige my attendance, I was once going to make one; but my comrades, whom I had been the principal occasion of bringing

hither, began to take it ill, that I would leave them, and so I resolved we would take our fate together.

While thus we had nothing before us but a foldier's death, a fair field, and a strong enemy, and people began to look one upon another: the soldiers asked how their officers looked, and the officers asked how their soldiers looked, and every day we expected to be our last, when unexpectedly general lord Fairfax, sent a trumpet to Truro to my lord Hopton with a very humane and polite offer.

That since my lord Hopton, our general, could not be ignorant of his present condition, and that the place he was in could not afford him subsistence or defence; and especially considering that the state of our affairs were such, that if we should escape from thence, we could not remove to our advantage, he had thought good to let us know, That if we would deliver up our horses and arms, he would, for avoiding the effusion of blood, or the putting any unsoldierly extremities upon us, allow such honourable and safe conditions as were rather better than our present circumstances could demand, and such as should discharge him to all the world, as a gentleman, as a soldier, and as a christian,

After this followed the conditions he would give us, which were,

1st, That all the soldiery, as well English as foreigners, should have liberty to go beyond the sea

or to their own dwellings, as they pleased; and to such as should choose to live at home, protection for their liberty, and from all violence, and plundering of soldiers, and to give them bag and baggage, and all their goods, excepting horses and arms.

2d, That for officers in commission, and gentlemen of quality, he would allow them horses for themselves and one servant, or more, suitable to their quality, and such arms as are suitable to gentlemen of such quality travelling in times of peace; and such officers as would go beyond sea, should take with them their full arms and number of horses as are allowed in the army to such officers.

3d, That all the troopers should receive, on the delivery of their horses, twenty shillings a man, to carry them home; and the general's pass and recommendation to any gentleman who may desire to go to the parliament to settle the composition for their estates.

Lastly, A very honourable mention of the general, and offer of their mediation to the parliament, to treat him as a man of honour, and one who has been tender of the country, and behaved himself with all the moderation and candor that could be expected from an enemy.

Upon the unexpected receipt of this message, a council of war was called, and the letter read; no man offered to speak a word; the general moved it, but every one was loath to begin,

At last an old colonel started up, and asked the general what he thought might occasion the writing this letter? The general, answered him, he could not tell; but he could tell, he was sure, of one thing, that he knew what was not the occasion of it: that is, not any want of force in their army to oblige us to other terms.

Then a doubt was started, whether the king and parliament were not in any treaty, which this agreement might be prejudicial to.

This occasioned a letter to my lord Fairfax, wherein our general, returning the civilities, and neither accepting nor refusing his proposal, put it upon his honour, whether there was not some agreement or concession between his majesty and the parliament, in order to a general peace, which this treaty might be prejudicial to, or thereby be prejudicial to us.

The lord Fairfax ingenuously declared, he had heard the king had made some concessions, and he heartily wished he would make such as would settle the kingdom in peace, that Englishmen might not wound and destroy one another; but that he declared he knew of no treaty commenced, nor any thing past which could give us the least shadow of hope for any advantage in not accepting his conditions. And added, that though he did not insult over our circumstances, yet if we thought fit, upon

any such supposition, to refuse his offers, he was not to seek in his measures.

And it appeared so, for he immediately advanced his forlorns, and dispossessed us of two advanced quarters, and thereby straightened us yet more.

We had now nothing to say, but treat; and our general was so sensible of our condition, that he returned the trumpet with a safe conduct for commissioners at twelve o'clock that night; upon which a cessation of arms was agreed on, we quitting Truro to the Lord Fairfax, and he left St. Allan's to us to keep our head quarter.

The conditions were soon agreed on, we disbanded nine full brigades of horse, and all the conditions were observed with the utmost honour and care by my lord Fairfax, that ever I knew.

Nor can I omit, in another way, to make honourable mention of this noble enemy, though I did not like his cause.

I never saw a man of such a pleasant, calm, courteous, down-right, honest behaviour; and, for his courage and personal bravery in the field, that we had felt enough of.

No man in the world had more fire and fury in him while in action, or more temper and softness out of it.

In short, and I cannot do him greater honour, than saying he exceedingly came near the character

of my foreign hero Gustavus Adolphus, and, in my account, is, of all the soldiers in Europe, the fittest to be reckoned in the second place of honour to him.

I had particular occasion to see much of his temper in all this action, being one of the hostages given by our general, my lord Hopton, for the performance of the conditions, in which circumstance my lord Fairfax did me several times the honour to send to me to dine with him; and was exceedingly pleased to discourse with me about the passages of the wars in Germany, which I had served in; he having been at the same time in the Low Countries, in the service of prince Maurice.

Here I cannot help also observing, if at any time my civilities extended to commendations of his own actions, and especially to comparing him to Gustavus Adolphus, he would blush like a woman, and be uneasy, declining the discourse, and in this he was still more like him.

Let no man scruple my honourable mention of this noble enemy, since no man can suspect me of favouring the cause he embarked in, which I served as heartily against as any man in the army; but I cannot conceal extraordinary merit for its being placed in an enemy.

This was the end of our making war; for now we were all under parole never to bear arms against the parliament; and though some did not keep their

word, yet I think a foldier's parole ought to be the moſt ſacred in ſuch caſe, that a foldier may be the eaſier truſted at all times upon his honour.

For my part I went home fully contented, ſince I could do my royal maſter no better ſervice, that I had come off no worſe.

The enemy going now on in a full current of ſucceſs, and the king reduced to the laſt extremity, and Fairfax, by long marches, being come back within five miles of Oxford; his majeſty, loath to be coop'd up in a town, which on no account could hold out long, quitted the town in a diſguiſe, leaving Sir Thomas Glemham governor, and being only attended with Mr. Aſhburnham and one more, rode away to Newark, and there fatally committed himſelf to the honour and fidelity of the Scots, under general Leven.

There had been ſome little bickering between the parliament and the Scots commiſſioners, concerning the propoſitions which the Scots were for a treaty with the king upon, and the parliament reſuſed it.

The parliament, upon all propoſals of peace, had formerly invited the king to come and throw himſelf upon the honour, fidelity, and affection of his parliament.

And now the king from Oxford offering to come up to London, on the protection of the parliament for the ſafety of his perſon, they reſuſed him, and

the Scots differed from them in it, and were for a personal treaty.

This, in our opinion, was the reason which prompted the king to throw himself upon the fidelity of the Scots, who really by their infidelity had been the ruin of all his affairs, and now, by their perfidious breach of honour and faith with him, will be virtually and mediately the ruin of his person.

The Scots were surpris'd at the king coming among them; and the parliament sent an order to general Leven to secure the king in Warwick castle; but old Leven was not in such haste to part with so rich a prize; for as soon as the king came into the Scots, army, the general prevail'd upon his majesty to sign an order to colonel Ballafis, the governor of Newark, to surrender it, which being done, the Scots departed homewards, with the king in the camp with them; and marching on, a house was ordered to be provided for the king at Newcastle.

And now the parliament saw their error in refusing his majesty a personal treaty, which if they had accepted, their army was not yet taught the way of huffing their masters, the kingdom might have been settled in peace.

Before, it was, by an order of parliament, let the king be sent to Warwick castle; now, it is, to let his majesty come to London to treat with his people.

Yet neither one nor the other would do with the Scots ; but we who knew the Scots best, knew that there was ONE THING would do with them, if the other would not, and that was money ; and therefore our hearts trembled for the king.

The Scots, having retreated to Newcastle with the king, there they quartered their whole army at large upon the country ; the parliament voted they had no farther occasion for the Scots, and desired them to go home about their business.

I do not aver, it was in these words, but in whatsoever good words their messages might be expressed, this and nothing less was the English of it.

The Scots replied, by setting forth their losses, damages, and dues, the substance of which was, " Pay us our money, and we will be gone, or else we won't stir."

The parliament requested an account of their demands, which the Scots gave in, amounting to a million sterling ; but, according to their custom, and especially finding that the army under Fairfax inclined gradually that way, fell down to five hundred thousand pounds, and at last to four hundred thousand ; but all the while this is transacting, a separate treaty is carried on at London with commissioners of Scotland, and afterward at Edinburgh, by which it is given them to understand, that whereas upon payment of the money,

the Scots army is to march out of England, and to give up all the towns and garrisons which they hold in this kingdom, so they are to take it for granted, that it is the meaning of the treaty, that they shall leave the king in the hands of the English parliament.

To make this go down the better, the Scotch parliament, upon his majesty's desire to go with their army into Scotland, sent him for answer, that it cannot be for the safety of his majesty or of the state, to come into Scotland, not having taken the covenant, and this was carried in their parliament but by two voices.

The Scots having refused his coming into Scotland, as was concerted between the two houses, and their army being to march out of England, the delivering up the king became a consequence of the agreement unavoidable and of necessity.

His majesty, thus deserted of those into whose hands he had thrown himself, took his leave of the Scots general at Newcastle, telling him in few words, this sad truth, that he was bought and sold.

The parliament commissioners received him at Newcastle from the Scots, and brought him to Holmby house, in Northamptonshire; from whence, upon the quarrels and feuds of parties, he was fetched by a party of horse, commanded by cornet Joyce, from the army, upon their mutinous rendezvous at Triplow heath; and, after this, suffer-

ing many violences, and varieties of circumstances among the army, was carried to Hampton court, from whence his majesty very readily made his escape; but not having notice enough to provide effectual means for his more effectual deliverance, was obliged to deliver himself to colonel Hammond in the Isle of Wight.

Here, after some very indifferent usage, the parliament pursued a farther treaty with him, and all points were agreed on but two.

1st, The entire abolishing episcopacy, which the king declared to be against his conscience, and his coronation oath.

2dly, The sale of the church-lands, which he said, being most of them gifts to God and the church, by persons deceased, his majesty thought could not be alienated without the highest sacrilege; and if taken from the uses to which they were appointed by the wills of the donors, ought to be restored back to the heirs and families of the persons who bequeathed them.

These two articles were fixed so stedfastly in the mind of his majesty, that he ventured his fortune and royal family, and even his own life in defence of them: however at last, the king condescended so far in these, that the parliament voted his majesty's concessions to be sufficient to settle and establish the peace of the nation.

This vote discovered the bottom of all the coun-

fels which then prevailed; for the army, who knew if peace was once settled, they should be undone, took the alarm at this, and clubbing together in committees and councils, at last brought themselves to a degree of hardness above all that ever this nation saw; for, calling into question the proceedings of their masters who employed them, they immediately fell to work upon the parliament, removed colonel Hammond, who had the charge of the king, and had used him honourably, placed a new guard upon him, dismissed the commissioners, and put a stop to the treaty; and, following their blow, marched to London, placed regiments of foot at the parliament house door; and, as the members came up, seized upon all those whom they had down in a list as promoters of the settlement and treaty, and would not suffer them to enter; but the rest, who being of their own stamp, are permitted to pass, carried on the designs of the army, revived their votes of non-addresses to the king, and then, upon the army's petition, to bring all delinquents to justice, the mask was thrown off, the word all is declared to be meant the king, as well as every man else they pleased.

It is too sad a story, and too much a matter of grief to me, and to all good men, to renew the blackness of those days, when law and justice was under the feet of power; the army ruled the parliament, the private officers their general, the com-

mon soldiers their officers, and confusion was in every part of the government ; in this hurry they sacrificed their king, and shed the blood of the English nobility without mercy.

The history of the times will supply the particulars which I omit, being willing to confine myself to my own accounts and observations ; I was now no more an actor, but a melancholy observer of the misfortunes of this period.

I had given my parole not to take up arms against the parliament, and I saw nothing to invite me to engage on their side : I saw a world of confusion in all their councils, and I always expected that in a chain of distractions, as it generally falls out, the last link would be destruction ; and though I pretended to no prophecy, yet the progress of affairs have brought it to pass, and I have seen Providence, who suffered, for the correction of this nation, the sword to govern and devour us, has at last brought destruction by the sword, upon the head of most of the party who first drew it.

If together with the brief account of what concern I had in the active part of the war, I leave behind me some of my own remarks and observations, it may be pertinent enough to my design, and not useless to posterity.

I observed by the sequel of things, that it may be some excuse to the first parliament, who began this war, to say that they manifested their designs were

not aimed at the monarchy, nor their quarrel at the person of the king; because, when they had him in their power, though against his will, they would have restored both his person and dignity as a king, only loading it with such clogs of the people's power, as they at first pretended to; that is to say, the militia, and power of naming the great officers at court; which powers, it was never denied, had been stretched too far in the beginning of this king's reign, and several things done illegally, which his majesty had been sensible of and was willing to rectify; but they having obtained the power by victory, resolved so to secure themselves, as that whenever they laid down their arms, the king should not be able to do the like again.

And thus far they were not to be so much blamed; and we did not, on our own part, blame them, when they had obtained the power, for parting with it on good terms.

But when I have thus far advocated for the enemies, I must be very free to state the crimes of this bloody war, by the events of it.

It is manifest there were among them, from the beginning, a party who aimed at the very root of the government, and at the very thing which they brought to pass, viz. the deposing and murdering of their sovereign; and, as the devil is always master where mischief is the work, this party prevailed, turned the other out of doors, and over-

turned all that little honesty that might be in the beginning of this unhappy strife.

The consequence of this was, the presbyterians saw their error when it was too late, and then would gladly have joined the royal party, to have suppressed this new leaven, which had infected the lump; and this is very remarkable, that most of the first champions of this war, who bore the brunt of it, when the king was powerful and prosperous, and when there was nothing to be got by it but blows, first or last, were so ill used by this independant powerful party, who tripped up the heels of all their honesty, that they were either forced, by ill treatment, to take up arms on our side, or suppressed and reduced by them.

In this the justice of providence seemed very conspicuous, that these having pushed all things by violence against the king, and by arms and force brought him to their will, were at once both robbed of the end, their church government, and punished for drawing their swords against their masters, by their own servants drawing the sword against them; and God, in his due time, punished the others too.

And, what was yet farther strange, the punishment of this crime of making war against their king, singled out those very men, both in the army and in the parliament, who were the greatest cham-

pions of the presbyterian cause in the council, and in the field. Some minutes too of circumstances I cannot forbear observing, though they are not very material, as to the fatality and revolutions of days and times.

A Roman Catholic gentleman, of Lancashire, a very religious man in his way, who had observed mightily the fatality of times, places and actions, being at my father's house, was discoursing once upon the just judgement of God in dating his providences, so as to signify to us his displeasure at particular circumstances; and, among a number of collections he had made, the following were some which I took particular notice of.

That king Edward VI. died the same day of the same month in which he caused the altar to be taken down, and the image of the Blessed Virgin in the cathedral of St. Paul's.

Archbishop Cranmer was burnt at Oxford the same day and month that he gave king Henry VIII. advice to divorce his queen Catherine.

Queen Elizabeth died the same day and month that she resolved, in her privy council, to behead the queen of Scots.

King James died the same day that he published his book against cardinal Bellarmine.

King Charles's long parliament, which ruined him, began the very same day and month which that parliament began, that, at the request of his prede-

cessor, robbed the Roman church of all her revenues, and suppressed abbeys and monasteries.

How just his calculations were, or how true the matter of fact, I cannot tell, but it put me upon the same in several actions and successes of this war.

And I found a great many circumstances, as to time and action, which befel both his majesty and his parties first.

Then others which befel the parliament and presbyterian faction which raised the war.

Then the independant tyranny which succeeded and supplanted the first party.

Then the Scots, who acted on both sides.

Lastly, The restoration and re-establishment of the loyalty and religion of our ancestors.

For king Charles the first; 'tis observable that the charge against the earl of Strafford, (a thing which his majesty blamed himself for all the days of his life, and at the moment of his last suffering,) was first read in the Lords' house on the 30th of January, the same day of the month six years that the king himself was brought to the block.

The king was carried away prisoner from Newark, by the Scots, May 10, the same day six years that, against his conscience and promise, he passed the bill of attainder against the earl of Strafford.

The same day seven years, that the king entered the House of Commons for the five members, which

all his friends blamed him for, the same day the rump voted bringing his majesty to trial, after they had set by the Lords for not agreeing to it, which was the 3d of January 1648-9.

The 12th of May 1646, being the surrender of Newark; the parliament held a day of thanksgiving and rejoicing, for the reduction of the king and his party, and finishing the war, which was the same day five years that the earl of Strafford was beheaded.

The battle at Naseby, which ruined the king's affairs, and where his secretary and his office was taken, was the 14th of June, the same day and month the first commission was given out by his majesty to raise forces.

The queen voted a traitress by the parliament the 3d of May, the same day and month she carried the jewels into France.

The same day the king defeated Essex in the West, his son, king Charles II. was defeated at Worcester.

Archbishop Laud's house at Lambeth assaulted by the mob, the same day of the same month that he advised the king to make war upon the Scots.

Impeached the 15th of December 1640, the same day twelvemonth, that he commanded the common-prayer-book of Scotland to be printed, in order to be imposed upon the Scots, from which all our troubles began.

But many more, and more strange, are the critical junctures of affairs in the case of the enemy, or at least more observed by me.

Sir John Hotham, who repulsed his majesty and refused him admittance into Hull before the war, was seized at Hull by the same parliament for whom he had done it, the same 10th day of August two years, that he drew the first blood in that war.

John Hampden, Esq. of Buckinghamshire, killed the same day one year that the mob petition from Bucks. was presented to the king about him as one of the five members.*

Young captain Hotham executed the 1st of January, the same day that he assisted Sir Thomas Fairfax in the first skirmish with the king's forces at Bramham-moor.

The same day and month, being the 6th of August 1641, that the parliament voted to raise an army against the king, the same day and month, 1648, the parliament were assaulted and turned out of doors by that very army, and none left to fit but who the soldiers pleased, which were therefore called the rump.

The earl of Holland deserted the king, who had

* It has been asserted he came by his death at the battle of Chaldgrave field, by the bursting of his pistol, through the ignorance of his own servant, by his ramming the barrel too full.

made him general of the horse, and went over to the parliament, and the 9th of March 1641, carried the Commons' reproaching declaration to the king; and afterwards taking up arms for the king against the parliament, was beheaded by them the 9th of March 1648, just seven years after.

The earl of Holland was sent to by the king to come to his assistance and refused, the 11th of July 1641, and that very day seven years after was taken by the parliament at St. Neots.

Colonel Maffey defended Gloucester against the king, and beat him off the 5th of September 1643, was after taken by Cromwell's men fighting for the king, on the 5th of September 1651, two or three days after the fight at Worcester.

Richard Cromwell resigning, because he could not help it, the parliament voted a free commonwealth, without a single person or House of Lords; this was the 25th of May 1658; the 25th of May 1660 the king landed at Dover, and restored the government of a single person and House of Lord.

Colonel Lambert was proclaimed a traitor by the parliament, April the 20th, being the same day he proposed to Oliver Cromwell to take upon himself the title of king.

General Monk being taken prisoner at Namptwich by Sir Thomas Fairfax, revolted to the parliament, the same day nineteen years he declared for the king, and thereby restored the royal authority.

The parliament voted to approve of Sir John Hotham's repulsing the king at Hull, the 28th of April 1642; the 28th of April 1660, the parliament first debated in the house the restoring the king to the crown.

The agitators of the army formed themselves into a cabal, and held their first meeting to seize on the king's person, and take him into their custody from Holmby, the 28th of April 1647; the same day 1660, the parliament voted the agitators to be taken into custody, and committed as many of them as could be found.

The parliament voted the queen a traitress for assisting her husband, the king, May the 3d, 1643. Her son, king Charles II. was presented with the votes of parliament to restore him, and the present of fifty thousand pounds, the 3d of May 1660.

The same day the parliament passed the act for recognition of Oliver Cromwell, October the 13th, 1654, Lambert broke the parliament, and set up the army, 1659, October the 13th.

Some other observations I have made, which, as not so pertinent, I forbear to publish; among which I have noted the fatality of some days to parties, as,

The 3d of September, the fight at Dunbar; the fight at Worcester; the oath against a single person past; Oliver's first parliament called.

The 3d of September, Essex defeated in Cornwall; Oliver died; city works demolished.

The 29th of May, prince Charles born; Leicester taken by storm; king Charles II. restored.

Fatality of circumstances in this unhappy war, as,

The English parliament called in the Scots to invade their king, and are invaded themselves by the same Scots, in defence of the king whose case and the design of the parliament the Scots had mistaken.

The Scots, who unjustly assisted the parliament to conquer their lawful sovereign, contrary to their oath of allegiance, and without any pretence on the king's part, are afterwards absolutely conquered and subdued by the same parliament they assisted.

The parliament, who raised an army to depose their king, deposed by the very same army they had raised.

The army broke three parliaments, and are at last broken by a free parliament, and all they had done by the military power, undone at once by the civil.

Abundance of the chief men, who, by their fiery spirits, involved the nation in a civil war, and took up arms against their prince, first or last met with ruin and disgrace from their own party.

Sir John Hotham and his son, who struck the first stroke, both beheaded by the parliament.

Major General Massey three times taken prisoner by them, and once wounded at Worcester.

Major General Langhorn, Colonel Poyer, and Colonel Powell, changed sides, and at last taken, could obtain no other favour than to draw lots for their lives; Colonel Poyer drew the dead lot, and was shot to death.

Earl of Holland, who, when the house voted who should be reprieved, Lord Goring, who had been their worst enemy, or the earl of Holland, who, excepting one offence, had been their constant servant, voted Goring to be spared, and the earl to die.

The earl of Essex, their first general;

Sir William Waller,

Lieutenant-general Ludlow,

The Earl of Manchester,

All disgusted and voted out of the army, though they had stood the first shock of the war, to make way for the new model of the army, and to introduce a party.

In all these confusions I have observed two great errors, one of the king, and one of his friends.

Of the king, that when he was in their custody, and at their mercy, he did not comply with their propositions of peace, before their army, for want of employment, fell into heats and mutinies; that he did not at first grant the Scots their own conditions,

which, if he had done, he had gone into Scotland ; and then, if the English would have fought the Scots for him, he had a reserve of his loyal friends, who would have had room to have fallen in with the Scots to his assistance, who were after dispersed and destroyed in small parties attempting to serve him.

While his majesty remained at Newcastle, the queen wrote to him, persuading him to make peace upon any terms ; and in politics, her majesty's advice was certainly the best : for however low he was brought by a peace, it must have been better than the condition he was then in.

The error I mention of the king's friends, was this, that after they saw all was lost, they could not be content to sit still, and reserve themselves for better fortunes, and wait the happy time when the divisions of the enemy would bring them to certain ruin ; but must hasten their own miseries by frequent fruitless risings, in the face of a victorious enemy, in small parties ; and I always found these effects from it :

First, the enemy, who were always together by the ears, when they were let alone, were united and reconciled when we gave them any interruption ; as particularly, in the case of the first assault the army made upon them, when colonel Pride with his regiment garbled the house, as they called it ; at that time, a fair opportunity offered ; but it was omitted till it was too late : that insult upon

the house had been attempted the year before, but was hindered by the little insurrections of the royal party, and the sooner they had fallen out the better.

Secondly, These risings being desperate, with vast disadvantages, and always suppressed, ruined all our friends; the remnants of the cavaliers were lessened, the stoutest and most daring were cut off, and the king's interest exceedingly weakned, there not being less than thirty thousand of his best friends cut off in the several attempts made at Maidstone, Colchester, Lancashire, Pembroke, Pontefract, Kingston, Preston, Warrington, Worcester, and other places. Had these men all reserved their fortunes to a conjunction with the Scots, at either of the invasions they made into this kingdom, and acted with the conduct and courage they were known masters of, perhaps neither of those Scots armies had been defeated.

But the impatience of our friends ruined all; for my part, I was as willing to put my hand to the ruin of the enemy as any of them, but I never saw any tolerable appearance of a force able to match the enemy, and I had no mind to be beaten, and then hanged. Had we let them alone, they would have fallen into so many parties and factions, and so effectually have torn one another to pieces, that whichever party had come to us, we should, with them, have been too hard for all the rest.

This was plain by the course of things after-

wards, when the independant army had ruffled the Presbyterian parliament, the soldiery of that party made no scruple to join us, and would have restored the king with all their hearts, and many of them did join us at last.

And the consequence, though late, ended so; for they fell out so many times, army and parliament, parliament and army, and alternately pulled one another down so often, till at last the Presbyterians, who began the war, ended it; and, to be rid of their enemies, rather than for any love to the monarchy, restored king Charles the Second, and brought him in on the very day that they themselves had formerly resolved the ruin of his father's government, being the 29th of May, the same day twenty years, that the private cabal in London concluded their secret league with the Scots, to embroil his father, king Charles the First.

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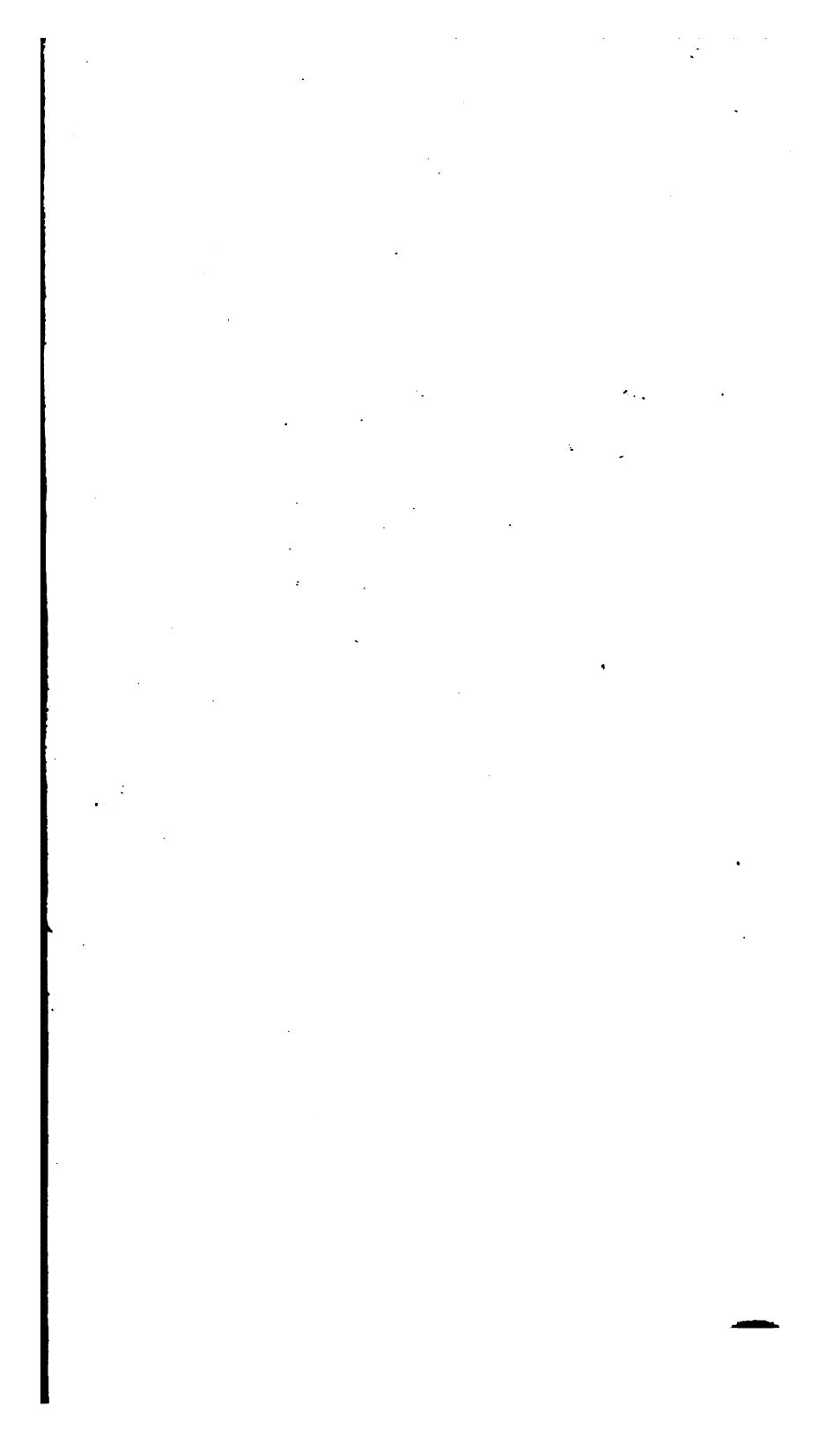
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